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**How You Helped One Woman Rediscover Abundant Life in Christ!**

**Grace\* grew up in the church.** She'd always taken her faith very seriously and wouldn't even go out with a boy unless he was a Christian. She'd even received a purity ring from her parents and pledged to not have sex until she was married. But everything fell apart when she visited her boyfriend, Keenan\*, for a few days. She never meant for things to go so far . . . but they had.

A few weeks later, she woke up feeling sick to her stomach. At first she thought it was a stomach bug, but she kept feeling sick for days. All of a sudden it hit her. *Could it be morning sickness?*

She planted her face in her hands and sobbed.

**She was a Christian. She'd known better.** And yet here she was, wondering if she was pregnant, and she had no idea what to do next.

Grace suddenly remembered someone at church talking about a hotline for people in her situation—*Pregnancy*

*Decision Line*—could call to have candid and discreet conversations about their unplanned pregnancies. Finding the number online, she told the hotline coach everything.

### **Pregnancy Decision Line: You Provided a Safe Place to Talk and Hear Truth**

The hotline coach asked about her religious beliefs and then reminded Grace that Jesus had come into the world to save sinners—people who had made a mess of their lives. That's how Grace felt: a mess. **But then the coach went further and assured her Jesus was not ashamed of her—that He'd gone to a cross for her and lived the life she never could because He loved her.**

Grace realized that, even if she'd never slept with Keenan, she still wouldn't have been righteous. Her salvation wasn't based on her behavior, but about the perfect life Jesus had lived just for her.

### **Your Generosity Renewed a Desperate Mom's Hope in Christ**

God's grace was no longer an abstract concept, but something she could embrace for herself.

Filled with the hope of the Gospel and the knowledge that people could help her no matter

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## Are You Ready for Lent?

This free *Praying Through Lent* devotional from Care Net helps you and your family focus on the life-changing and culture-transforming power of the Gospel as we wait together to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

Get your free 40-day Lenten Devotional today:

[care-net.org/lent-devotional](https://care-net.org/lent-devotional)



\*Names throughout this newsletter have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.

# Called and Missioned... Again...

*Through abortion, you're overwhelmed with guilt and there's trauma and there needs to be healing. I'm upset that many people think that men don't deserve a voice. It's something that I'm passionate about and I want people to know that they're not alone. I'm just trying to be where the Lord wants me to be. I know that is the burden that He's giving me—to have the heart of a father. – Cliff Saputo*

*What I want to take back from this conference is the aspect of discipleship. For my pregnancy center, I want to be able to establish those connections and those relationships with our local churches in order to have this conversation go beyond saving the child in the womb, but advocating for the wholeness of the family—from fathers being involved and for children to have abundant life that is only found in Jesus Christ. – Demetri Bothwell*

*We've been donors to Care Net for the last two or three years but Roland came and made a presentation to a few of us and that presentation really changed my life. So now I feel that God is telling me I need to get involved. I heard about reaching out to your local church and that's the first thing I'm going to do when I get back to Florida; I'm going to talk to the leadership about how we can better support an abundant life program. – Anthony Wright*

These statements are from 3 of the 510 men who attended the first-ever Care Net Pro-Life Men's Conference last year. And these are just three reasons we're doing it again!


On March 3–4, 2023, in Dallas, Care Net will host the Called and Missioned Men's Summit. Dr. Tony Evans will once again host us at his wonderful church—Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship—and provide a keynote address.

Men like Cliff, Demetri, and Anthony inspired us to hold this conference a second time. Cliff is just a “regular guy,” healed from a past abortion and now feeling a powerful call by God to help other men find healing, too. Demetri works at a Care Net pregnancy center and wants to ensure that his center works with local churches to provide compassion, hope, help, and discipleship to women, men, and families. Anthony felt God call him to invest more than just money into Care Net's mission and learn how to get his church involved in Pro Abundant Life ministry.

If you're like one of these men, then I'd love to see you join me at the *2023 Called and Missioned Men's Summit!* With *Roe v. Wade* overturned, our churches and pregnancy centers need us men to step up more than ever to help both women and men fulfill God's calling for their families now . . . and for eternity!



Blessings,

  
Roland C. Warren  
Care Net President & CEO

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## Walking with Grace

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the outcome of her pregnancy test, Grace prayed for God to give her courage to walk forward, empowered by His forgiveness.

A few years ago, Care Net did a survey and discovered that two out of five mothers having an abortion were regularly attending church at the time of their abortion. There's a good chance *someone in your church* has either *had an abortion*, or is *thinking about getting one right now* because of an unplanned pregnancy. But thanks to your generosity, you offer that scared mom a chance to make a decision that leads to abundant life. Through your support of Care Net, small groups in churches across the country are being equipped for vibrant pro-life ministry to serve as compassionate voices for life alongside our 1,200 affiliated pregnancy centers and national hotline that have shared the Gospel over 2 million times since 2008.

Thank you for giving couples like Grace and Keenan a chance to walk in the forgiveness of Jesus Christ and choose life for their unborn children and abundant life for their families.

**You Can Save More Lives  
and Transform Hearts Today!**  
*...and for eternity!*



Right now, there are mothers and fathers facing unexpected pregnancies who are considering abortion . . . and their unborn babies' lives hang in the balance.

Your generous gift today ensures that a coach will always be there to answer our national hotline when they call, that our affiliated pregnancy centers are ready to receive and serve these moms and dads, and that there are more equipped churches in our life-affirming network available to minister to expectant parents in need. Because of you, unborn lives can be saved today!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP!**

# OUR CARING PARTNERS: HEROES SAVING LIVES 365 DAYS A YEAR!

Every single day, parents considering abortion find Care Net's national hotline, one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, or a church equipped for vibrant pro-life ministry through our church curriculum. You can help ensure they are able to find compassion, hope, and help 365 days a year by donating monthly and becoming a *Caring Partner*!

As a *Caring Partner*, you will also receive special benefits, including:

- A designated Care Net team member to serve you
- Updates on how your monthly support saves lives
- An exclusive monthly prayer devotional for your personal spiritual growth
- Invitations to special partner events and ministry updates

### 3 EASY WAYS TO ENROLL AS A CARING PARTNER:

1. Select "Make My Gift Monthly" on the enclosed reply device and return it with your first monthly gift.
2. Visit us online at: [care-net.org/give-monthly](http://care-net.org/give-monthly)
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

*Questions?*

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## You helped Cara to choose life for her baby...

**AND abundant life in Christ for herself!**

Cara's\* life was turned upside down when she found out she was pregnant, and all of her plans came to a screeching halt. Only in her 20s, she wanted to establish her career and get married first. Cara truly believed that an abortion was the only way she'd ever be able to move on with her life, so she decided to make an appointment at the nearest clinic she thought could help her.

The idea of having an abortion made Cara feel a little uneasy. Although she described herself as a believer, she couldn't really say for sure that she knew what it meant to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Cara believed Jesus to be the Son of God, but she'd never taken that next step to fully give her heart to Him. But, even now, she felt like the Lord was working on her heart and the things she'd learned as a child were beginning to convict her heart.

### Your Generosity Renewed a Desperate Mom's Hope in Christ

Cara wanted a second opinion, but she had no idea where to turn. She didn't have a home church to go talk to somebody; she wasn't sure who to trust. This was too

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**pdl** **DECISION LINE**  
ANSWERS. BEFORE YOU DECIDE.

You can connect a parent with an unexpected or unexpectedly complicated pregnancy with the compassion, hope, and help they need to choose LIFE for the unborn child and ABUNDANT LIFE for their family!

#### Steps to Help Save a Life

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*Are you ready to start a conversation?*

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# THE DEFINITION OF LOVE

February is the month for Valentine's Day. It's all about love.

That's what your support of Care Net is all about. Love for life. Love for mothers and fathers. Love for souls.

**Did you know that making a will is also about love?** It's love for your family. It's love for others.

Giving to others through your will is one of the best ways to let others know how you feel about them. It's a legacy of love!

Your support of Care Net shows that love to others. Without folks like you, Care Net can't show women and men facing tough pregnancy decisions compassion, hope, help, and love of Jesus.

Care Net shares love with our giving partners by helping make their will free of charge with no obligation.

In 20 minutes, you can leave a legacy of love and make a difference!

Simply use the QR code at the right or visit [care-net.org/freewill](http://care-net.org/freewill)



# You helped Cara...

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personal. Cara decided to look online for somewhere to turn, and that's where she found an ad for *Pregnancy Decision Line*, Care Net's national hotline. She decided to give it a call.

Cara was overwhelmed by the compassion and comfort the voice on the other side of the phone offered her. She didn't know what she'd expected, but she received so much more. Her hotline coach was so encouraging as she shared the Gospel with her and gave her realistic alternatives to abortion, which not only led to her choosing life for her baby, but wholeheartedly choosing Jesus as her Lord and Savior.

After she hung up with the coach, she called the abortion clinic to cancel her appointment, which was scheduled for the next day, and her coach helped her make an appointment with her local pregnancy center to find the life-affirming help she really wanted. Praise God!

Because of you, Cara found the compassion, hope, and help she needed to choose life for her unborn baby and abundant life in Christ! Thank you!

THIS MEN'S SUMMIT WILL INSPIRE AND EQUIP MEN  
TO TURN PRO-LIFE PASSION INTO PRO ABUNDANT LIFE ACTION



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