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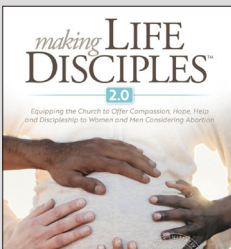
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How Mia Came to Christ Because of You!

It all started with a single phone call.

Your generous support for *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL), Care Net's national hotline, opens the door for frightened moms to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ and choose life for their unborn babies and abundant life for their families.

It often takes more than just one conversation to change someone's life, and, in some cases, it can take weeks of one of our hotline coaches reaching out before they have the relationship and the opportunity to share the Gospel.

When Mia first called our hotline coach, Maria*, she hadn't decided whether or not to keep her baby. She was leaning hard into going out of state to get an abortion (since abortion is illegal where she lives). But after speaking with one of our PDL coaches, and hearing all of the love and tangible support available to her, Mia started to rethink her options.

A few weeks later, Mia

heard from her PDL coach again. Things went smoother this time. Mia knew she could talk to her coach freely because she'd been so kind and supportive the first time.

Pointing to Christ, Saving Lives

As they talked, their discussion shifted to spiritual matters. Mia knew about God, but she didn't really think of herself as a Christian. Her coach told her about Jesus' love for her and her baby. Better still, she told Mia that Jesus had a plan and a purpose for them.

Mia had been asking God to help her since the time she found out she was pregnant, but she still felt guilty, she was still scared, and she doubted she could provide her baby with a solid future with what little she had. What Maria described sounded better than how she'd been living her life or what she could provide for herself.

After a minute or so, Mia made her decision.

They prayed over the phone. By the end, Mia felt different than before she made the call. Something had changed inside her; something she couldn't yet fully understand. But she knew things were about to change in a big way.

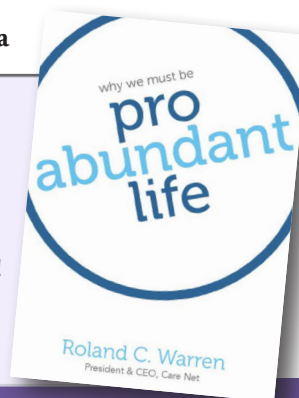
Thanks to you, stories like Mia's are happening all across the country. More than 2.1 million moms

What is the goal of the pro-life movement?

Find out in the ebook written by Care Net's President & CEO, Roland Warren, *Why We Must Be Pro Abundant Life!*

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

Addressing Abortion in Cases of Rape

One of the most difficult questions for pro-life people to answer is, “How can you argue abortion is wrong when a woman has been raped?”

I can see why folks get pretty perplexed when they hear this question. I have a wife, nieces, and a sister. I love these women in my life, and it’s hard for me even to think about the possibility that they could be raped. **When rape happens, we must have the utmost compassion for the woman, because even though less than 1% abortions are in cases of rape, it’s 100% for her.**

But when it comes to the morality of aborting a child that results from a rape, it’s important to consider what makes the act of rape so horrifying, and then ask ourselves if the act of abortion is similar.

What makes rape so terrible is that a powerful person takes advantage of a vulnerable person and uses their power to commit a heinous act.

At its core, abortion pits a woman (who has power) against her unborn child (who is vulnerable). The abortion issue spins around empowerment. When a woman says, “My body, my choice,” that’s a power statement. She’s saying that to the child, society, and the father of the child. If she has an abortion, she uses her power to end the life of someone—her vulnerable unborn baby.

On the other side of the coin, when a woman who was raped *rejects* abortion, the reasoning she most often gives is that she refuses to let the rapist turn her into someone like him. He used his power against her when she was vulnerable, but she sees the same power dynamic at play and refuses to act against her unborn child and create a second victim of the rape. And that’s why we celebrate women who choose life in the face of such terrible personal trauma.

So, when pro-life people are confronted with this question, we should say that we are against abortion for exactly the same reason why we are against rape. **We are against the powerful using their power to take advantage of the vulnerable.**

We can make additional, compelling points, and I talk about them in an episode of CareCast, Care Net’s podcast. You can find CareCast on Spotify, iTunes, and SoundCloud. Search for the episode called, “How Should We Address Abortion in Cases of Rape?”



Blessings,



Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

Hear more from Roland on the Care Net blog!
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and dads have heard the Gospel since 2008 and are raising healthy families thanks to your generosity. More than that, your faithful gifts make ministries like *Pregnancy Decision Line* available to moms and dads so they can have those life-changing conversations. But it doesn’t stop there.

You help Care Net-affiliated pregnancy centers provide life-affirming support in communities across the country by training pregnancy center workers to serve with excellence and by helping develop resources they share with their clients everyday! You also bring local churches into vibrant pro-life ministry so that they are prepared to provide moms and dads facing unexpected—or unexpectedly complicated—pregnancies with the support they need long after the baby is born. **You are making a real difference now and for eternity!**

Thank you for being the hands, heart, and hugs of Jesus! Please pray for God to drive more moms like Mia to our national hotline and give our PDL coaches wisdom as they answer those calls.

You can help save lives now and for eternity!

Your gift today will help parents and their unborn babies have not just life but Abundant Life in Christ!



You can share the Gospel with mothers and fathers considering abortion right now . . . and save the lives of their unborn babies . . . with your gift today. Your generosity ensures a coach is there to answer the phone at our national hotline, that our affiliated pregnancy centers have the training and resources they need to support mothers and fathers facing an unexpected pregnancy, and that churches in our growing life-affirming network will be equipped to reach out to and serve parents considering abortion. Because of you, unborn lives can be saved today and for eternity!

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 as 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

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Questions?

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When Everything Seemed Impossible You Made Choosing Life Possible for Robyn

God is a God of the impossible. The situation Robyn* found herself in made having this baby seem impossible for her. But God had different plans, which is probably common in all our lives. Robyn had an opportunity to trust in the Lord. What would she do?

Robyn's situation was not unique, but it is one of the most heartbreaking that our hotline coaches hear. **Robyn had been raped and was concerned she might be pregnant, but she didn't know for sure.** The rape had occurred some months prior, and she just didn't think she could carry the baby. She called our national

hotline because she didn't know what else to do. She was understandably very distraught and scared.

Our hotline coaches are extensively trained to be sensitive when talking to a caller in any crisis, but especially when the caller has been physically or sexually abused. Robyn's coach chose her words carefully, relying on the Holy Spirit to guide their conversation. Robyn was so relieved to discover that her coach was kind, compassionate, and a good listener. She let Robyn open up slowly

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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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You can save the unborn through your estate planning!

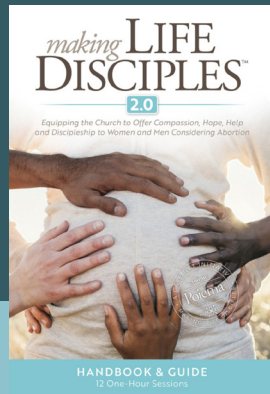
I hope you and your family were able to enjoy celebrating Christ's resurrection this past Easter Sunday! This day reminds us how much God loves all of us, including His precious unborn babies.

There's a way you can save even more of God's precious children. What if I told you that you could do it without incurring any cost now? That's right! No Cost. Just leave a gift to Care Net in your will or estate plan. With our free estate planning tool available at www.care-net.org/make-a-will, it only takes about 20 minutes.

If you have questions, please reach out to us at plannedgiving@care-net.org.

Making Life Disciples

As we continue to see changes to state abortion laws, our exclusive course—now revamped and even more user-friendly—can transform your church's response to women and men facing unexpected pregnancies to help them choose life!



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to get out all that was burdening her. They talked and prayed for almost an hour about her trauma, but also about how every baby is created in the image of God and is worthy of protection no matter how their conception occurred.

At the end of their call, Robyn was still determined to get an abortion. **She hadn't made an appointment yet, so the PDL coach also gave her resources for her local pregnancy center.** Robyn took down the information but made no promises to go. All Robyn's coach and our team of intercessors could do was pray that Robyn would find healing and choose life for her unborn baby.

The Power of Prayer at Work

We know God answers prayer in His own timing. Sometimes that can be weeks, months, or years later, but sometimes He answers right away! Well, this time He answered right away. After Robyn got off the phone with her hotline coach, she made an appointment with her local pregnancy center for the next morning. And she went!

When her hotline coach reached out to Robyn to follow up with her, Robyn told her all about her visit to the pregnancy center and all of the support she found there. **The best news of all was Robyn had decided to keep her baby!**

Robyn told her coach that the women at the pregnancy center showed her such incredible compassion—compassion she had never received before—and God used them to change her mind. Praise God! Robyn told the staff at the pregnancy center that she really felt that God had directed her to call Care Net's hotline, which resulted in her keeping the baby.

You ensured a coach was there to talk Robyn through her trauma and provide her with the support she needed to choose life for her baby despite her circumstances. **You are the hands and feet of Jesus, and we praise God for you!**



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