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Grace: The Favor of God

This is the first time I have ever written this down, or shared my whole testimony. It is the last step for my complete healing and restoration. Lord, give me the strength to write this with your love, grace, and gentleness.

May 1975: I was 15 years old and driving myself and a few other friends to Planned Parenthood. We were told we could get free birth control there, and our parents wouldn't have to know.

When it was my turn to be interviewed by the counselor, she asked when my last period was. I told her it had been a couple of months. A pregnancy test was done. It was positive. Wow! What do I do?

When I went home I told my mother and she said, "You're getting an abortion."

Things moved fast after that, because I was so far along, it had to be done before the next week was up. You see I was ending my 1st trimester and in 1975 abortions couldn't be done after that.

The drive to the clinic was about 3 ½ hours from our home. I lay on the back seat very nauseous, hoping I wasn't going to be sick, and knowing that on the way back home I would be a different person.

When we arrived at the clinic, I was taken to a room, where they examined me. Yes, I was definitely pregnant and they told me not to worry as it would soon be over.

While lying on the table, I was thinking, "I can't do this! This is not right!" But I couldn't get myself to say those words. I didn't want to anger my parents, we had driven almost 4 hours to get there. Quietly, under light sedation, I was told, "You won't feel a thing." While my baby was being surgically removed, I felt the whole thing--the pulling, the cramping and the pain.

Afterward, while lying on a cot in a small room, all I could do was cry. I knew what I had done was wrong.

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LANDMARK COURT DECISION ACKNOWLEDGES ABORTION HURTS

Care Net Applauds Supreme Court Decision to Protect Women's Health, Unborn Human Life

LANSDOWNE, VA – Care Net, an organization that supports more than 1,000 pregnancy centers in North America, applauded the landmark Supreme Court decision Wednesday upholding the federal partial birth abortion ban. Specifically, Care Net noted the Court's statements regarding the potential for an abortion to negatively impact a woman's emotional health.

Care Net President Kurt Entsminger said, "Abortion *does* hurt women. Our pregnancy centers see the effects every day in the faces of clients who have had a past abortion. We agree with the Court: when a woman experiences a partial birth abortion, when she learns of the details of how her partially born child was barbarically killed, she could be faced with grief *'more anguished and sorrow more profound'* than ever dreamed of in her worst nightmares. For the sake of the dignity of human life, for the sake of the emotional sanity of women facing unplanned pregnancies, this procedure has no home in a civilized society."

Sadly, whether abortion harms women is currently being challenged in the media. The *New York Times Magazine* and CNN's "Anderson Cooper 360" have both questioned whether the emotional devastation that some women experience after an abortion is real or may require professional counseling attention.

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This was my baby--now gone. The nurse came in and said, "What's wrong? You should be happy now, your problem is over." Little did she understand.

In my heart I knew that a part of me had died that day. Physically, mentally, and most of all spiritually!

After that, life for me took a drastic turn. I had let myself down and it was hard to face it. I needed to numb the pain and started drinking and smoking marijuana. I started looking for love in all the wrong places, trying to find love with different men. This went on for several years. My life became empty. I was working in a bar, drinking there and I was going no where fast. I'd drink to the point of not knowing what I was doing. This was scary because I use to drive in that state of mind.

You see I didn't even know I was suicidal. I nearly took my life one night with my car. It was snowing, the roads were very slippery. There is a very sharp curve in the road not far from my house. I was driving too fast and my car went out of control. I plowed into the snow bank on the opposite side of the road, however I walked out uninjured.

Not too long after that I moved to Connecticut where I meet the man who would become my husband. Things went well for a while as I was working and my drinking stopped to only weekends, but still something was not right. My heart was not whole, my being wasn't whole. But I buried it a little deeper and went on. Hoping some day, the pain in my heart would stop.

When my husband and I decided to start a family, I got off the birth control pill.

With my first pregnancy I spotted for the first 3 months. Then the spotting stopped. We thought all was well. Little did we know that the pregnancy was a tubal. I was just finishing my 1st trimester when the tube ruptured. I nearly lost my life with that pregnancy. This was devastating!

I was sure that God was punishing me. I was telling myself, "That will teach you to try and have a child when you aborted one. Did you expect to be able to have more?" I was living in my own hell.



I never spoke these words to my husband. How could he understand?

A year later I found out I was pregnant. At 7 weeks I had a miscarriage. I was sad, but not as devastated as with the prior pregnancy. Six months later I was pregnant again. This time the pregnancy ended at 9 weeks.

By now I felt nothing. I knew I was getting my just reward. I was numb.

Finally after several more months I got pregnant for the 4th time. I spotted until the end of my 1st trimester. Then all was well! My daughter was born 3 weeks early, but she was a healthy baby. Two years and 26 days later I had my son. He was born 4 weeks early. I spotted with this pregnancy too, and I had gestational diabetes. With both my pregnancies I had to have C-sections. I feel these complications were all due to the abortion.

January 3rd 1988, I asked Jesus to forgive me of my sins. Just like that the Lord forgives.

At that point I had two lovely children, a loving husband. I was attending church faithfully and going to bible studies, prayer meeting, but still something was not right. Even with God in my life.

I couldn't let go. I was getting to the point where I wasn't happy in my marriage. I started drinking again. Nothing was making me happy. That was when I started volunteering at the Crisis Pregnancy Center, thinking I could help out over there. However, I was the one who ended up getting the help. You see God forgave this

sinner, but I couldn't forgive myself. With the help from Deborah Laws, at the CPC, I went through some intense counseling. I was so messed up. At one point when I couldn't take the pain any more, God gave me a vision. He showed me that while I was having the abortion, I was sitting in the lap of Jesus. Jesus was holding me. He was holding tight. With tears rolling down His cheeks, He rocked me, back and forth, back and forth.

What a love! God's unconditional love! God's grace is unlimited, even in the midst of sin. Lord, I'm amazed by You and how You love me.

My prayer for hurting post-abortive women that read this testimony is that they would know that they too can find healing in the darkest hours.

Isaiah 43:18 &19: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

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LANDMARK COURT DECISION *continued from page 1*
 However, in its decision, the Supreme Court stated that it can be concluded that "some women come to regret their choice to abort the infant life they once created and sustained...Severe depression and loss of esteem can follow."

The Court also stated that the more a woman knows about the humanity of her unborn child who was aborted, the greater the agony: "It is self evident that a mother who comes to regret her choice to abort must struggle with grief more anguished and sorrow more profound when she learns, only after the event, what she once did not know: that she allowed a doctor to pierce the skull and vacuum the fast developing brain of her unborn child, a child assuming the human form."

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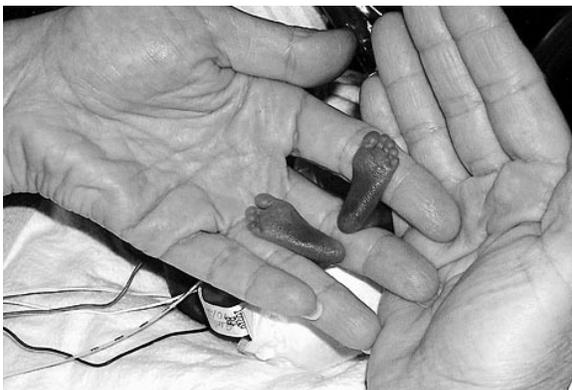
"That's why our centers provide medically-accurate information about abortion procedures," Entsminger said. "When pregnancy center clients are fully informed about their choices and about abortion procedures, nine out of ten will decide to carry their pregnancy to term."

April 19, 2007 Care Net Press Release www.care-net.org

Good News! How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news... Isaiah 52:7

Have you heard the news story about Amillia Taylor? Born on October 24, 2006, she was 18 weeks early and only 10 ounces and 9 1/2 inches long. Doctors know of no other cases where babies born so early have survived. The chance of survival for a 21-week six-day old fetus is zero.

Amillia now weighs nearly 5 lbs. and is about 26 inches long. She's expected to grow up and live a normal life. Now that's good news! (AP Photo)



Current total number of babies helped by The CPC, Unionville:
980 and counting!



The Crisis Pregnancy Center needs:

- ◇ New Cribs and Mattresses
- ◇ Size Newborn Baby Clothing
- ◇ Baby Bottle Drive Churches

Meeting these basic needs can make all the difference for Life! Please contact the Center if you can provide any of these important items. Thank you!

Post-Abortive Counseling Available: If you feel you may be facing issues relating to a past abortion, please contact Debbie Laws at The Crisis Pregnancy Center. We're available to listen to you and to assist you with the help you need.

The CPC offers post-abortive stress healing peer counseling and related Bible Study. All services are free of charge and completely confidential.

2007 Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Please consider blessing The Crisis Pregnancy Center by arranging for your church to participate in this year's Baby Bottle Drive fundraiser. We run it from Mother's Day to Father's Day and it's very simple.

We need your help. You can be a part of this vital ministry, helping women to choose Life for their unborn, as well as raising community awareness about the services offered at the CPC.

Without the love, prayers and financial support from our participating churches, we wouldn't be able to continue.

For more information please call the CPC at (860) 673-7397 or e-mail Lisa@TheCrisisPregnancyCenterCT.org

We would **LOVE** to hear from you!



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