

## Not Strong Enough

### How you saved a child by speaking Life and Hope!

When Gracie discovered she was four weeks pregnant, she was terrified. She was a Christian and had a personal relationship with Christ, and felt that abortion was wrong... so her first thought was to place the baby for adoption. In addition, she was raised to believe that it is wrong to "kill a baby," but she felt there was no way she could ever tell her parents that she was pregnant.

So she turned to the only one she thought she could: her boyfriend. Unfortunately, he was anything but supportive of her plan. He told her that he was too young to be a father. If she put the child up for adoption, that child would grow up knowing its father did not want it. That was something her boyfriend could not allow to happen.

He told her that she *had* to have an abortion. That there was no other option for them.

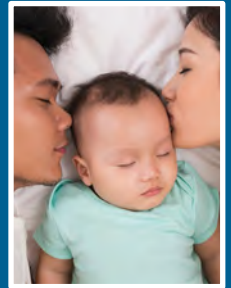
Feeling utterly alone, she desperately needed someone to talk to about her situation. So Gracie called the number she saw in an online ad for Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL). The pregnancy decision coach listened as Gracie shared her story. And then Gracie asked, "How can I be expected to kill my own child?"

But what scared Gracie the most was that she found herself contemplating the unthinkable.

Though she preferred adoption, she confessed that she lacked the courage to ignore her boyfriend's demands.

***She was seriously considering aborting her baby.***

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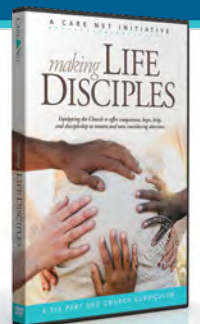
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#### AVAILABLE NOW:

### ***Making Life Disciples***

This 6-session DVD curriculum will equip your church to offer compelling compassion, life-saving hope, life-changing help, and Christ-centered discipleship to women and men considering abortion.

Purchase this invaluable resource for your church today at CareSource™: <http://store.care-net.org/for-churches>



## STANDING UP FOR THE WEAK AND DEFENSELESS

This, sadly, isn't an uncommon situation. Every day, women are faced with seemingly impossible situations that make it sound like abortion is their only option. Often, fathers aren't just unsupportive of an unexpected or complicated pregnancy... *They're actively encouraging mothers to kill their children in the womb.*

Imagine what a difference the support of her unborn child's father could have made for Gracie and her state of mind by offering to support her and her decision to place the baby in a loving home more ready to meet a newborn's needs. Instead, Gracie was asked to violate her conscience and innate desire to protect her unborn child.

**That is why PDL's outreach to those actively seeking abortions is so critical in the fight for unborn lives... and why it is so important that we train churches and pregnancy centers to engage fathers as soon as possible in a pregnancy.**

After listening to all of Gracie's fears and struggles, the PDL coach referred her to a local pregnancy center for on-going emotional, spiritual, and practical support... knowing that they would be able to partner with her in her journey and

empower her to make the choice she wanted to make all along.

A few weeks later, the PDL coach called Gracie back. Gracie had met with the center and found the support she so desperately needed.



Instead of judging her for contemplating abortion, the volunteers at her local pregnancy center just showed her unconditional love. She realized that she wasn't alone in her struggles with her boyfriend and family. Through their

conversations, she found the courage to choose adoption. She didn't have to make her decision because of fear!

And because of the generous support of friends like you, friends who spoke truth and hope into a bleak situation, Gracie's baby will be raised in a loving home and Gracie won't have to carry the burden of guilt that follows abortion.

Every day women face unexpected—or unexpectedly complicated—pregnancies feeling isolated, ashamed, and helpless. All too often, the men in their lives fail to encourage and support them in their time of need.

**But thanks to you**, they will find someone standing in the gap and providing a voice for their unborn babies at Pregnancy Decision Line or in one of over 1,100 well-trained Care Net affiliated pregnancy centers across North America.

**This year, you have spoken truth into more dire situations than ever before, but this work needs your continued support. This month, we need to raise \$402,000 in order to keep reaching out... keep speaking truth... keep standing up for those who have no voice... and keep SAVING LIVES.**

Please consider a generous tax-deductible gift today. THANK YOU!

## BECOME A FRIEND FOR LIFE

Your generous support has helped to save **462,089** lives in the past seven years!

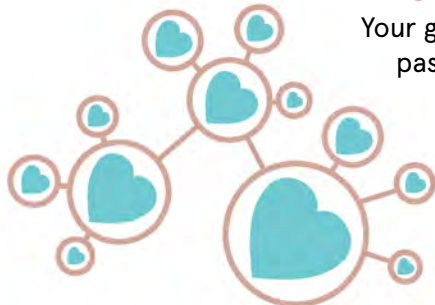
Imagine if that impact was doubled... or even tripled!

The **Friends for Life** program helps you multiply the impact of your investment by joining with three like-minded friends or family members in the life-saving work of **Care Net**.

We provide the tools to make the invitation, you extend the invitation, and God does the rest!

To learn more about this exciting new program, please visit **CARE-NET.ORG/FRIENDS-FOR-LIFE**

Together, with our friends, we can save more babies, encourage more families... and spread the message of **Abundant Life** in Christ to a culture which so desperately needs it!



**FRIENDS FOR LIFE**

INVITE FRIENDS. MULTIPLY YOUR IMPACT. SAVE MORE LIVES.

# A Father's Support



**Joylene hadn't taken a pregnancy test,** but after missing her period, she discussed options with her long-time boyfriend who told her he "would be supportive of any decision she made." She then called our Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) for information about abortion, wanting to make an informed decision. As the PDL coach and Joylene talked, the PDL coach encouraged Joylene to consider the support she had around her. The expectant mother explained that she and her boyfriend planned to get married. Joylene's situation highlights two truths: fathers matter and marriage matters.

Unfortunately, Joylene's boyfriend's response reflects a culture that demands fathers remain silent. But his quiet support and desire to marry her gave Joylene strength to explore all of her options.

A recent study by Lifeway Research found that 4 in 10 women who have had an abortion say the father of the baby was most influential factor in their decision.

**This means fathers are the primary influencer in 400,000 of the 1 million abortions that occur each year!**

That is why, through PDL and our network of over 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers,

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## DO YOU WANT TO SAVE LIVES EVERY MONTH?

**THROUGH MONTHLY GIVING,** you can offer compassion, hope, and help EVERY MONTH to parents who may feel abortion is their only option as one of our *Caring Partners*! You will also receive special benefits, including:

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



### 3 EASY WAYS TO SIGN UP A CARING PARTNER:

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

**Questions? Email us at:**

[caringpartners@care-net.org](mailto:caringpartners@care-net.org)



**Thank You!**



## TABLET APP

BYD: LIVE is the perfect complement to Care Net's *Before You Decide* magazine, the premier resource to help women and men facing pregnancy decisions.



The APP is not just a digital version of the magazine. It's a completely new, interactive experience featuring:

- Videos, such as Care Net's "Abortion or Baby?" short film
- Quizzes, such as the Marriage Mythbusters Quiz
- Interactive exercises



**\$44.99 annual subscription**

# Involved, Responsible, Committed

## Part 1 of a 4-Part Series on Being Pro Abundant Life

As you may know, I served for 11 years as president of the National Fatherhood Initiative. During that time, countless people asked me, in one form or another, what it means to be a good dad. Over time, I realized that three words that truly capture the heart of what fatherhood is all about: involved, responsible, and committed.

You see, in God's design, men are called to be the providers, protectors, and priests for their families. That high calling to fathers is the reason they can make such an enormous difference in the lives of their children, for good or for ill.

**A study conducted by Lifeway Research found that pregnant mothers consider the father of the baby to be the most influential factor, by far, in her decision to abort or not.**

We also know from decades of social science research that children with involved fathers in their lives are significantly less likely to live in poverty, be abused or neglected, use drugs, become incarcerated, drop out of school, become pregnant as teens, and suffer from childhood obesity than children in father-absent homes.

When a couple is making a pregnancy decision and after a child is born (indeed, for the child's whole life), it's clear that fathers play a critical role. Therefore, we are called to help fulfill the "fatherhood promise" God makes to precious lives in the womb and to honor God's call to fathers to be involved, responsible, and committed.

**This sets us apart as not just pro-life people, but PRO ABUNDANT LIFE people. That is why we take the following pledge:**

*As pro abundant life people, we will celebrate and encourage father involvement during pregnancy decisions and throughout the lives of the children who need them.*

Blessings,

Roland C. Warren  
Care Net President & CEO

Learn more about what it means to be Pro Abundant Life at: [www.care-net.org/pal](http://www.care-net.org/pal)



Hear more from Roland on Twitter! @rolandcwarren

# A Father's Support

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Care Net is working to engage fathers and celebrate and encourage marriage whenever possible.

Now for the great news! Joylene agreed to allow the PDL coach to send her Care Net's Before You Decide (BYD) magazine and to receive a follow-up call.

When they connected again,

Joylene expressed how grateful she was for

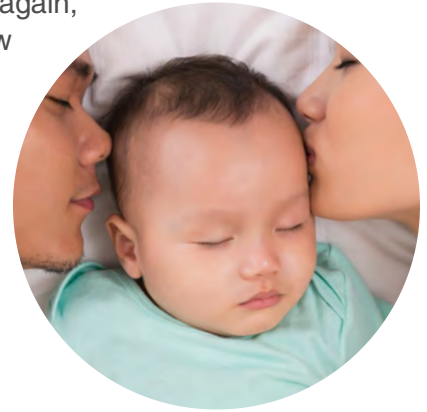
the coach's support and, as a result of

reading through

BYD Magazine,

she declared that

abortion would never be an option for them.



**Your support makes stories like Joylene's possible!**

**But we need to raise \$402,000 in the next 30 days in order to keep answering the phones at PDL, offering pregnancy centers the resources and training they need to be effective, and equipping churches to engage in pro-life ministry.**

**Please give generously today.**

### ENCOURAGE FATHERS, EMPOWER MOTHERS, SUPPORT ABUNDANT LIFE

<< YES! Roland, please find my gift to encourage fathers to defend their unborn children, empower mothers to choose life, and point to the ABUNDANT LIFE found in Christ Jesus!  
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#### Vision Statement:

Care Net envisions a culture where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and are empowered to choose life for their unborn children and abundant life for their families.

