In Need of a Moral Compass
How You Shared the Gospel to Transform and Save a Life!

ROUGHLY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF TEENAGE girls in the U.S. will get pregnant at least once by age 20 according to the most recent data from the National Center for Health Statistics. Therefore, it is not uncommon for Care Net’s Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) coaches to receive calls from teenagers who are scared and looking for a non-judgmental third party to provide guidance.

Such was the case when Kaylee contacted PDL. After experiencing pregnancy symptoms, Kaylee had visited a clinic and learned that she was at the end of her first trimester. By the time she called PDL, she was well into her second trimester and “desperately trying to find money for an abortion.” However, unlike most PDL callers, the primary influencers in Kaylee’s life—the father of the baby and her mother—were supportive and encouraging her to keep the baby.

It quickly became clear to the PDL Coach that the only thing preventing Kaylee from choosing life for her unborn child was lack of a “moral compass.” As if she were deciding whether or not to get a new pair of shoes, she told the PDL Coach, “I’ve thought about keeping the baby if I can’t get the money for an abortion.”

Recognizing the need for moral clarity, the PDL Coach skillfully steered the conversation towards God. Kaylee shared that she believed in God, but is not really into church. However, she was very open to listening and allowed the Coach to share the

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Gospel, provide information about abortion, give a referral to a local Pregnancy Center, and pray for her. She also agreed to receive follow-up calls from the Coach.

In subsequent calls, Kaylee’s position incrementally softened from “I’m desperately trying to get money for an abortion… to “I’m waiting to see if my boyfriend can get money together and if not, I will probably keep the baby”… to “I’ve been praying and am becoming more comfortable with the idea of having a baby”… to “I’ve decided to have my baby.”

Kaylee never shared whether she made a profession of faith in Christ, but it was evident to the PDL Coach that interjecting Jesus into the conversation was the turning point in her thought process.

This underscores why it is so critical to be Pro Abundant Life versus simply being Pro-Life. Saving lives for this world is critically important. But saving lives for eternity changes everything. True and lasting transformation only comes through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Through our research, Care Net has learned that even Christian women can be in need of this transforming relationship with Christ—4 in 10 women were regularly attending church when they had their first abortion.

This is why Care Net is so excited about the new Making Life Disciples (MLD) curriculum. MLD equips churches to minister to those considering abortion within their congregation by offering compassion, hope, and help during crisis. Moreover, churches learn how to disciple this group of people, many of whom are facing single parenthood, or starting new families. These MLD churches also partner with local pregnancy centers to provide a welcoming church home and on-going discipleship to pregnancy center clients.

When the Church gets involved, those considering abortion like Kaylee receive the love, discipleship, and support they need to grow deep roots in their faith and experience abundant life.

When you generously support Care Net, you stand ready to share the Gospel at every possible point of contact with women and men considering abortion.

We need to raise $402,000 this month to continue sharing the Gospel with our mission field—those facing pregnancy decisions. Will you please consider a generous, tax-deductible gift today to help us reach more people with the transforming Good News of Jesus Christ?

**OUR CARING PARTNERS: HEROES SAVING LIVES EVERY MONTH!**

**EVERY MONTH, PARENTS CONSIDERING ABORTION FIND CARE NET’S Pregnancy Decision Line or one of our affiliated pregnancy centers. You can help ensure that they continue to find compassion, hope, and help as one of our Caring Partners!**

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 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
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909.

Questions? Email us at: caringpartners@care-net.org  Thank you!
I Had Been Three Months, but it felt like it happened yesterday. One moment Mia had a child in her womb, the next nothing.

The abortion worked, she was no longer pregnant.

But, instead of relief, all she felt was regret. It was not supposed to be this way. Abortion was supposed to help her get her life back on track.

What happened to the empowerment it was supposed to bring her life?

Instead of empowerment, she felt anxiety. By day, she battled intrusive thoughts of never being able to have children again. At night, the nightmares made it difficult to sleep. She would close her eyes and be back at the clinic, getting ready for the abortion.

She relived the day over and over again.

Would it be like this forever? Desperate for help, Mia called the Pregnancy Decision Line.

She needed to know more about the spiritual and long-term effects of abortion.

Rather than judgment, Mia found love. The coach listened as Mia shared her pain and began sharing the Gospel with her. She told Mia that God loved her enough that He sent His Son to die for her. The guilt of...
WHEN CARE NET CRAFTED ITS NEW VISION STATEMENT in 2014, it was clear to us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ had to be front and center. It starts, “Care Net envisions a culture where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ…” As a pro abundant life organization, we need to distinguish between “transaction” and “transformation.” Let me explain.

Abortion providers like Planned Parenthood are in the transaction business. They view abortion procedures as morally neutral consumer choices. They want their customers visiting, getting fast service, and then being told, directly or indirectly, “Thank you, come again.” It’s all about making customer transactions as efficient and plentiful as possible.

But Care Net, through its network of over 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers, does not want our signs to read, “Thank you, come again,” but rather “Thank you. Don’t come again to be served, but to be of service to others.” The only way to do this is to focus on women and men making pregnancy decisions, not as “customers” who need to have a consumer product delivered to them, but as bearers of God’s image who need compassion, hope, and help. This way, the root causes of why they are visiting the pregnancy center can be addressed.

And the only way that true and lasting transformation can happen in their lives is through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Yes—our work is about reaching people who are considering abortion and helping them choose life… but that can’t be all. We don’t want repeat “customers” coming in with yet another unplanned or unwanted pregnancy. We want to see them transformed, in heart and mind, by the love of Christ displayed by the thousands of caring workers and volunteers that staff our pregnancy centers, and by the love of Christ communicated by his Gospel.

That is why, as pro abundant life people, we make the following pledge:

As pro abundant life people, we will celebrate and encourage efforts to help mothers and fathers making pregnancy decisions come to transformative relationships with Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

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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.

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