

## **A Child's Hope**

Abortion. What a word, what a history. 8 letters, over 8 million lives lost. Women, powerful women, mothers of our nation. A term that has divided our country and crippled our children. Conflict, chaos, and confusion. Women who's sole desires are for their lives to continue on the way it has. College, dreams, and futures crumble the moment the test says yes. All hope is lost and there is only one option...but is there? Is there no other way? Have you truly lost all hope for a future? The answer is simple: no, you have not. There is hope, there is life. Not only for yourself, but for the unborn child within you.

Pro-life. This term is the source for much discrimination and hatred. It is believed that pro-lifers are firmly against women who have had or intend to go through with an abortion. That they could never understand, and don't care about women and their rights to their own bodies. This could not be farther from the truth. I am pro-life. I believe in women and our nation. I empathize with pro-choicers, but I do not agree. I understand the hardships of life and the overwhelming stress and anxiety a newborn child can produce. But I also know that there is only one right option for a pregnant woman. From the moment a mother conceives she is responsible for the baby developing inside of her. This child depends on you to survive. In America today the most dangerous place for a person to be is inside the womb. The world has us convinced that abortion is okay. I'm here to tell you that it is not.

Doctors, teachers, leaders, and presidents have all lied to us. Pregnancy is not a journey that can be aborted in a moment. Abortion is not painless, it is not free. It is not a road of peace and happiness. It is dangerous, not only physically, but mentally. Hundreds of thousands of women return from an abortion clinic; distraught and guilt-ridden. The psychological impact it has is truly heart-wrenching.

*“When the abortion was over, I felt humiliated, embarrassed, guilty, ashamed and violated all at the same time. I quickly justified my actions and my feelings. I suppressed those feelings, deep down, for ten years.”* -Lori Nerad, former national president of Women Exploited by Abortion Well

This is just one of many testimonies on the gruesome impact that abortion has on women and children around the world. If you're pregnant and considering abortion, please consider the alternative. There are thousands of families that would gladly accept your newborn child. There are pregnancy resource centers specifically designed to help you on your path of conception. Let us help you and your child. Let us make this process as painless and peaceful as possible. Think of the lives that will be saved. Think of the responsibility you have as a pregnant mother. You have hope. You have a future.

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