

Woman to Woman.

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Before I wrote my book, “Woman to Woman,” Alba House, NY (1-800-343 ALBA), I extended an invitation to women who have had an abortion to share their story with other women in need. I received hundreds of replies like these.

“I was so touched by the invitation to contribute. I had an abortion, but if I knew then what I know now I never would have gone through with it. They don’t tell you about Post Abortion Syndrome, a form of suffering that you can hardly wrap your mind around. I was caught up in it for many years.”

“I was 19, unwed and pregnant. I didn’t want my parents to know about my drinking and promiscuity. When I got pregnant I didn’t listen to my heart, I listened to my friends all of whom encouraged me to have an abortion. Unfortunately, I didn’t learn from my mistake and got pregnant again. This time I did listen to my heart and turned to God and my family. I wanted this baby. My message to one and all is this: a wild life will lead you to misery, but if you do get in trouble turn to those who love you for help.”

“I share the story of my three 3 abortions because I want to make women aware of the horror that awaits them. Abortion providers don’t tell you the truth about what an abortion can do to your peace of mind. After each one, I remember a sense of relief, but it didn’t last. My drinking and promiscuity increased dramatically, and I started a deadly relationship with food that put me in a spiral to hell that lasted for 36 years.”

The lesson these good women wanted to convey is that it’s very important to see the baby growing within you as a real human being with eyes and ears and tiny fingers. A human person is not a glob of tissue. The temptation to stop his or her beating heart is a grave moral issue. People may think they have been given moral approval from the Supreme Court, but that Court only made abortion legal. Abortion remains an immoral act in the eyes of the secular world. Did you ever hear of the, “Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2004”? It recognizes the infant-in-utero to be a victim of violence. In America, 38 States call abortions: the “murder of the unborn.”

Every abortion is a serious matter, and if done with sufficient reflection and full consent of the will, it is a mortal sin. We leave that judgment to the mercy of God. Nevertheless, 50 Million abortions a year, in the US alone, is a monumental evil. No saint-in training should ever be numbered among those who promote the pro-choice agenda.

Most women in the survey wish they had never succumbed to their fears. Many now see that adoption makes sense. By offering their baby up for adoption, they would have saved his or her life, and brought boundless joy to a family yearning for a child to love. Many wish they had asked God for the grace to be brave. Had they carried their baby to full term, the fear and shame they suffered would most likely have faded into self-respect. In addition, their beautiful child would have grown up to be a man or woman dreaming of making this a better world.

May the Lord be your strength and your joy.