



# ***Choose Life Your Mom Did!***



## **1) Abortion takes innocent lives.**

Science could not be more clear. Unborn human beings are living, separate, and unique. From the moment of fertilization – better known as conception – a new human life is in existence. Ending this life is not ending “potential.” It is ending a *life*. We would do well to understand the modern science that reveals the humanity of the unborn. Civil rights are violated when people are deprived of their basic rights in a discriminatory fashion. Unborn children are deprived of life – the most basic right of all – simply based on their location (their mother’s womb) and their developmental status. This is discriminatory, inhuman, and cruel.

## **2) It punishes innocent people.**

An unborn child is always innocent and should never be punished. A child conceived in unfortunate circumstances does not deserve to die. If the mother and father were irresponsible, the child is completely innocent and deserves the right to life. Adoption is available in these cases.

## **3) It can harm women.**

Real-life stories demonstrate again and again that abortion harms women. Harm comes in a variety of forms – mental, emotional, relational, and physical – and in some cases, women’s lives are lost through abortion. They can also experience the loss of their fertility or an increase in miscarriages after an abortion.

## **4) It is damaging to relationships and families.**

Any time a family member dies, the rest of the family is affected. And this is true of abortion. A real, living, irreplaceable child has been aborted, and the parents and siblings can be negatively affected. Many women who abort just to convince their guy to stay with them find that they are left alone anyway, shortly after the abortion. Abortion is never the answer to a successful and loving relationship.

## **5) It never goes away.**

No matter how hard we try, we can never erase what abortion does. Abortion takes the life of an innocent human being. Time does not erase or ease the reality of what it is. Abortion is a cruel tragedy, but it is also a *choice* that should never be made. Such a choice stays with us forever. For anyone who has already participated in abortion, while there is no way to change your past, there is a way to heal from it. Check with local pregnancy resource centers for post-abortion recovery programs. You can also look into Rachel’s Vineyard at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### **6) It compounds tragedy.**

Sometimes the circumstances surrounding a pregnancy are tragic. Perhaps the woman was raped. Maybe the baby has been diagnosed with a defect. Or the woman's health might be at risk. However, one tragedy is not answered with another. We do not avoid these issues by avoiding the reality of another human being. Women who have been raped must be compassionately cared for. But compassionate care does not include abortion. Parents facing a difficult prenatal diagnosis must be given real facts and directed to others with helpful experiences. They must not be forced into a quick choice for abortion or urged to take the life of their child instead of giving her a chance to defy the odds. Women with high-risk pregnancies must be treated by real medical professionals.

### **7) It creates new problems.**

Some people believe that having an abortion and ending a child's life will solve their problems. And in the immediate present, it may appear that the problems have been erased. Perhaps college becomes an easier option or maybe parents never find out that their daughter was pregnant. But in reality, abortion only hides problems – it doesn't solve them. Many women finish college while still giving life to their babies. Many parents are far more accepting and loving than their daughters believed possible. And the truth is better than a lie, when a lie would cost an innocent person's life. In the end, that's what this is really about: our problems are not solved through killing an innocent person. Just because it's legal doesn't make it right. And just because it's often a hidden choice doesn't mean it won't stay with you forever.

### **8) It avoids responsibility.**

Abortion is sometimes used as an easy cover-up or a solution to a relationship gone bad. However, when two people make the choice to participate in an activity known to create babies, these people must accept responsibility. The best planning can fall apart. But responsibility should not be avoided at the cost of an innocent child's life. Responsible people have to make hard choices sometimes. Timing may seem bad, and circumstances might be difficult, but choosing to raise a child is responsible. Choosing adoption for a child is responsible. But choosing abortion and denying life to a child who already exists is irresponsibly – and irreparably – wrong.

If you or a friend are thinking about having an abortion do not call Planned Parenthood. Call a pregnancy care center!

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### **Websites with more information**

#### **Birthright**

<http://birthright.org>

#### **Springfield Pregnancy Care**

<http://www.springfieldpcc.org>

#### **Students for Life**

<http://studentsforlife.org>

#### **Stand Up Girl**

<https://standupgirl.com>

#### **National Right to Life**

<http://www.nrlc.org>

#### **Bethlehem House**

<http://www.bethlehemhousewma.org>