

Why I Chose Life over Abortion

By Jennifer Green

I love my family, And I have always done my best to serve them. When I became pregnant 38 years ago, by a forced encounter, different family members said they would pay for me to have an abortion. Several said if I didn't get an abortion they would not help me take care of the baby. They said I was ruining my life as a single Mom, with two children, to take on yet another child.

Fortunately, I had recently become a disciple of Jesus and I knew that Jesus loves all of us and that includes the unborn. I knew that God has a plan for all of us.

In Jeremiah 29:11 the Lord declared, "I know the plans I have for you."

In Jeremiah 1:4 God states that "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb."

I was very hurt and alone, but as the months went by my church family was supportive, and my family softened and even had a baby shower for me. I kept working and praying and God gifted me with a baby girl whom I named Laura.

The words of a cherished hymn come to mind.

"To Christ be loyal and be true he needs brave volunteers, to help you all your conflicts through to Christ the Lord be true."

Ever since I became a Christian, I have rejected the rhetoric that says, "my body, my choice" I used to believe that, **but now I know better. God's word says, "Your body is not your own, for you or bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God with your body (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).**

If you are considering an abortion, consider this. That little baby growing inside of you needs an advocate. It needs a voice for human rights. It needs to pursue life liberty and a hope for a life of joy in Jesus Christ.

To have my baby in such unfortunate circumstances gave me self-esteem and the character and dignity to stick to my loyalty and the truth found in Christ and His word.

God can take a bad thing, and work it out for good, but we must love the Lord and be called for his purposes (Rom 8:28). I have been richly blessed by my daughter. She has blessed our whole family with her giving and loving heart!

Happy Mother's Day.

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