

Myra's Story – Abortion Hurts Everyone

Like millions of women, I made the tragic, devastating, 'poor-choice' of abortion as a married woman. In January 1973 at the age of 28, I informed my husband that I was pregnant with our sixth child. This time, he said there was only one thing to do – abortion, had been legalized the week before.

We had never considered abortion during the previous pregnancies – not even when I was a single college senior in 1965 – it wasn't legal. Instead, we married.

How did we go from understanding, knowing that pregnant is to be with child to – It is not a child, yet? Deception! We were deceived by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling, Roe vs. Wade, and Planned Parenthood.

The clerk at Planned Parenthood said nothing about pregnancy, the abortion procedure, risks or consequences. She did say, "If you have trouble with it afterwards, we have counseling available". WHY would I have any trouble with it? I wondered. She made an appointment for me for the following Saturday.

The night before my appointment to abort I was not a Christian but I asked, "GOD, is there anything wrong with what I am going to do? Man says it isn't even life. What do YOU say?"

In the morning, a clerk called from the abortion facility to tell me, "The doctor has to cancel his appointments this

morning. What do you want to do?" I did not remember the night before; I did not make the connection. I wasn't listening – to GOD! I asked my husband what he wanted to do. "How about next Saturday?" he asked.

Co-dependent, I made another appointment!

In the waiting room, I could hear the conversation of two other women: "It is our second – too soon." "It is our third – we only want two." I thought nothing; I felt nothing – Denial.

Lying on the abortionist's table, I didn't remember being in this position five times previously - as I birthed my children.

A year and a-half after the abortion, I felt a crushing weight of grief and guilt – devastating pain: I knew beyond the shadow of a doubt – I was responsible for the death of my child – 'Oh GOD, I have murdered'!

For four decades, I have regretted believing the Lies: It is not a child - yet; after all, it is legal - it must be okay. Like tens of millions of women and men in the USA and 40-50 million each year around the world, we failed to realize that we had become mothers and fathers at fertilization.

In 1968, our third child was born two months premature and died. Of course the loss of a child brought grief, but not the compounded grief plus guilt of being responsible for the death and loss of a child as I was through making the tragic, 'poor-choice' of abortion.

Abortion had destroyed our parent-child relationship and nearly destroyed our marriage due to the grief, guilt, shame and the blaming. Our marriage is among the few to survive. Within one to five years following abortion, 70-90% of relationships between the women and men dissolve.

Nothing wounds women and men like taking the life of your own child! Today my husband and I agree: "Had abortion been illegal, we would not have aborted our child!" (nor lost his future children, our grandchildren) "Abortion should never have been legalized".

Abortion has also affected my life even to this day through the damage of the unsafe abortion procedure, resulting in a hysterectomy shortly afterwards at the age of 28 – followed by estrogen deprivation and its impact.

Grief and guilt are synonymous with abortion. There is a natural grief because of loss through death, but also a compounded grief because of personal responsibility in the death and loss -guilt. There are no words to describe the crushing weight of guilt I felt October 14, 1974. As I felt the weight, I knew the truth – 'Oh GOD, I have murdered'! The Peace that replaced the weight was greater...Forgiveness and a right Relationship with GOD. For 42 years now and for eternity I will be forever grateful for the weight of conviction that brought my acknowledgment of the truth! And the Joy of knowing I am the mother of six children – not only of the four I was raising, but also of the one who died from premature birth

and the one I had aborted - they are already with HIM.
What a reunion is waiting for me!

JESUS understands: HE bore our sin and carried our sorrows. "Before I formed you in the womb, I Knew you. You were in MY Care before you were born." "All have gone astray, turning each one, his/her own way." "There is none good, no not one. None that seeks after GOD." "I Have Loved you with an Everlasting Love; therefore, with Lovingkindness I have drawn you." "Herein is Love, not that we have loved GOD but that HE has Loved us and given HIS SON to make atonement for our sins." "For GOD did not send HIS SON into the world to condemn the world, but that the world (you and I) through HIM might be saved." "He who has the SON has the LIFE; he who does not have the SON does not have the LIFE." "Come unto ME, all who are weary and heavy burdened and I Will give you Rest. Take MY Yoke upon you and learn from ME and I Will give you Rest for your souls." "To as many as Receive HIM, JESUS gives the Power, the Right to become Children of GOD." *"Whosoever will, may come...and whosoever comes, I Will Not turn away."*

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