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I was a vulnerable 18-year-old college freshman when I found myself faced with an unintended pregnancy. After my high school sweetheart and I found ourselves in crisis, we visited a women's Center just blocks from our college campus. It was there the deception began.

"It is just a glob of pregnancy tissue... it will be a short outpatient procedure and you can be sent on your way... problem solved." My "problem" was NOT solved.

Instead, figuratively speaking, the abortion ushered me down a staircase, as I found myself spiraling into deep depression. The abortion became my prison cell of post-abortion grief, substance abuse, shame, and heartbreak. Abortion did not solve my "problem"... but only served to magnify it.

At the abortion clinic (a.k.a. campus "women's center") I was not empowered as a woman but diminished. I was told "It will be easier for you to get an abortion and get on with your life."

Tragically, no one at that women's center told me the truth of the development of my baby, my option for adoption, or the devastating fallout from post-abortion grief and regret.

I only wish I could have heard the empowering messages of the Pro-life Community — "Your baby, though at just six weeks' gestation, is a distinct individual with a heartbeat," "If you choose to carry your baby, you CAN do this," "You have other life-giving options available to you — your baby can be welcomed into the arms of a loving adoptive couple," "You can be spared the searing emotional pain of knowing you allowed the killing of the very child your womb was designed to protect."

Those truths were not told to me on that day when I came for counsel... the day I came in, so very vulnerable, in crisis, afraid, unable to think clearly...desperate for help.

The abortion tore through my life like a hurricane, leaving destruction in its wake. The post-abortion fallout with

my boyfriend left only devastation. Our previous deeply nurturing relationship shattered into a mass of scattered, broken, irreparable pieces.

I changed from a young woman entering nursing school, hard-working, eager to help people, having dated the same high school sweetheart for two years, sharing our dream of marriage after college... to a broken, promiscuous, alcohol indulging, partying girl, looking for any way to numb the emotional pain from the gnawing reality of the loss of my child and what I had done.

I was an unbeliever at the time of my abortion. Seven years after my abortion, through a series of unforeseen events, the Lord caused my path to intersect with a Christian who shared the truth of the gospel with me. This eventually led to my salvation decision.

Later, through a post-abortion bible study support group, offered by a Pro-Life pregnancy care center, I was enabled to confront the truth and painful repercussions of my abortion. Through the loving counsel and support of others who had moved through their own grief, I found heart healing through my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I thank God for providing opportunities to speak in honor of my child's life and shine the spotlight on the **horror** of abortion. I give glory to Jesus Christ who saved me and brought redeeming purpose from tragedy.

Thank You, Lord, for answering my plea: Please Lord, do NOT let my child's life be lost in vain!

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