



PREGNANCY DECISION
& SUPPORT SERVICES

Dear friend of Next Step,

When I was a teenager, people told me how quickly time goes when you get older. I didn't believe them back then, but now I'm one of those older people, and I am a believer! Another year has flown by! 2022 has been a mix of challenges and struggles, but also blessings and promises fulfilled.

Those who have been involved in pro-life work for a long time found it hard to imagine we would ever be living in a post-Roe world, and yet here we are. Abortion is no longer the law of our land. However, for us living here in California it remains a constitutional right. We have ministered to hundreds of women over the past 30+ years whose lives have been impacted drastically because of past abortion decisions. They had no idea when they made that choice how difficult their lives would be afterwards, and often for many years.

Beth recently went through our abortion recovery program. It had been 40 years since her abortion. Her husband, Mike, asked her to do it and wasn't there for the abortion, but he changed his mind not knowing it was too late. Since then, she blamed Mike for the abortion. So she guilted him, and had no respect for him. After completing the program, she realized the abortion was her choice, and she'd made her husband and their children's lives miserable because of it. Beth said "I'm grateful for this program because it helped me have a better relationship with God. I learned about His love for me. I'm grateful because now I have a healthy, respectful relationship with my husband. I no longer blame him for being the killer of my baby."

Mike was curious what we did in this program that changed his wife so much. He said "She listens to me now, I was always quiet before, but that didn't mean I didn't have anything to say, she just wouldn't allow me to talk because of her anger, so I stayed silent. But that's changing."

Abortion hurts women, men, and families. By God's saving grace they are able to experience true forgiveness, and be set free. Jesus came so that ALL might be saved, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins" (1 John 1:9).

Please consider partnering with us by making an end of year financial gift so we can continue to share God's love, compassion, and hope to clients like Beth and Mike. Your support makes a difference!

I, and the entire Next Step team, wish you and your families a blessed Christmas time, and we pray for God's abundant blessings for you in the new year.

With appreciation,

Carrie Slaton
Executive Director