

Two Lives, One Choice

President Ronald Reagan once said "To diminish the value of one category of human life, is to diminish us all." Sometimes we all have to make life changing decisions. A woman considering abortion makes that decision for two people at once. In many cases of unwanted pregnancies, people become conflicted about whether to support the mother or protect the baby – but why can't we do both? Many mothers in these situations become worried about problems that could occur during, and after pregnancy. They worry about financial hardships and not having enough support. They are convinced they are not capable of taking care of a child. Then they meet people who tell them that they can get rid of the "problems", by getting rid of the child. But they aren't told that the child needs help, too. People who see the value of every human life can help those in crisis, by convincing them to not make a mistake they'll regret later on – killing their own child.

There was a woman, named Devine, upon finding out she was pregnant, decided that her first avenue of help should be the local abortion clinic. She had a lot of health problems and didn't have the money to take care of the child. That day she was conflicted, and emotionally didn't know which way to turn. She had mixed feelings and described herself as numb and knowing the right decision. On her way out of the abortion clinic, she met people who were there to try to give people different kinds of advice from

what she had just received. They spoke to her about the choice she was going to make. They gave her a number to call, and money on the spot for groceries that week. This really impacted Devine in a way that made her remember she is loved not only by people, but by God. She decided to keep her baby. Her testimony is powerful to listen to and watch because you can see how much she loves her baby boy. Her words, "There's nothing more empowering than overcoming your struggles and making a change, and we can't make a change without stopping the wrongs, and doing what's right. What's right is saving lives."¹

In another situation a girl named Tiffany found out that she was pregnant after recently getting engaged. They were both embarrassed and did not know what to do. Her fiance was so ashamed that he told her the right decision was to get an abortion. She went to the clinic and couldn't go inside for her appointment because of Covid. The nurse started explaining the process of abortion over the phone. Tiffany burst into tears, because she realized what she was about to do. She was torn between the decision of staying with her fiancé and losing her child or saving the life of her baby. She chose to protect the innocent life inside of her, which ended her engagement to the man she loved. Soon after, she was warmly welcomed into a church where she was in awe of how much compassion they had for her. She is more happy than ever with the fact that she chose to protect the life of her baby girl. The church helped her see that she did not need to pick between her needs and the needs of her baby. Choosing to protect life, even when it requires great sacrifice, can lead to lasting happiness.²

¹ <https://endabortionnow.com/baby-olivers-mom-chose-life/>

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqTHTzyHhH4>

When a mother sees the beautiful connection between herself and her baby, she stops thinking about the opportunity to rid herself of "the problem," and starts thinking about how to try and meet her needs and her baby's needs. This is only possible if the mother believes that she has support from people who care about her and the baby. No one ever has to choose between two lives. We need to help support her so that she can make the choice to protect them.