

There Is Hope



Expecting a child can be a wonderful thing under all of the right circumstances. But, what if you just told your boyfriend you were pregnant, and he got mad and left? Or what if you haven't even had the courage to tell him that in 9 months, he'll be a father. You feel fear, abandonment, hopelessness... and worst of all, you feel judged. Judged by your friends. Judged by your family. Judged by the world. You feel like everyone who sees you, scowls at you because they "know" you're pregnant... and he left you abandoned. Perhaps you chose to leave because you knew if he ever found out, it'd be better for you to be long gone. Whatever your circumstance may be, there seems to be only one answer: abortion.

After all, abortion will get rid of the problem,

won't it? It seems to be the easiest way out. There seems to be nowhere else to turn. You're tired of feeling judged, hopeless, abandoned, disappointed, scared, embarrassed, and alone. All of those emotions seem to be a result of that little child growing in your stomach. Each day that passes by, the child you're carrying begins to look more and more like you... yet, it would be so easy to just get rid of it!

Did you know that there's hope? In Isaiah 41:10, God says "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." God promises to be with us every step of the way. That doesn't mean that we won't go through hard things, but that He will never leave us. The latter part of Hebrews 13:5 says, "...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." We have hope that God will be with us. He will help us, and give us the courage we need to get through whatever our circumstance may be. However, these wonderful promises of hope are for those who are God's children.

God loves us, even in our sin. He loves us so much, that He sent His son to die so that we could

have eternal life (John 3:16). We sin by breaking the commandments in God's Word, His Holy Bible. Because God loves us, we can have eternal life in Heaven with Him as long as we are in a right relationship with Him. God is just and holy, and he does not allow sin in Heaven. Sin is anything contrary to what God's Word commands and what He has told us not to do. **In order to have a relationship with Jesus Christ, we need to confess and repent of our sin and then believe that God is able to forgive us.** A few verses that explain what we need to do are as follows: **"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** (1 John 1:9); **"And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."** (Mark 1:15); **"....Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."** (Acts 16:30b-31).

That means we tell God all of the things we've done in our lives that are displeasing to Him. It's more than just praying a list of things to God, but being so sorry that we promise God

we will never commit sin again, with His help. Every time we commit a sin, it's as if we are hammering a nail into Christ's wrist while He was on the cross at Calvary. God's Word also tells us that murder is wrong and anyone who commits murder will go to Hell if they do not receive forgiveness from God: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and **murders**, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8). Abortion is murder, but God is able to forgive you if you have had an abortion. He is able to be with you every step of the way as long as we are in a relationship with Him. God is the most loving, merciful, and forgiving friend you will ever have! Trust Him to be your Savior and to help you every step of the way!

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