

Testimony

Four months into my freshman year in college my life drastically changed. A friend invited me to a movie, but instead took me to a public park and raped me. Four weeks later I discovered I was pregnant. I reluctantly agreed to have an abortion – he wasn't giving me any other option.

Later, I realized that I couldn't have an abortion. And I immediately went home to find support with my family. In my pain and confusion, my rapist had made me feel that I was the guilty one. Now I could see that I was truly the one, who had been victimized. But I was not the only victim. I certainly had not chosen to be raped nor had I chosen to become pregnant. No more did my child ask to be conceived. I knew that I had no right to take his life because of the horrible situation that had happened to me. My innocent child should not become a victim, too...

From the moment this baby entered my life, I have only had love for him, which will continue until the day I die... My son has made my life better.

Not long after I found out I had been raped, I learned that I was not the first girl abused by this guy. In fact, I was the third. When abortion was legalized in America, it allowed a rapist to be able to cover his tracks and abuse women again and again.

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Bekah's Story

A LOVING RESPONSE
TO THE VICTIMS
OF RAPE

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When a woman is raped, we feel compassion for her because of the violent attack she has suffered – physically, emotionally and spiritually. We must focus on giving her the most loving response possible. When she is pregnant, our efforts must be on securing her healing.

RAPISTS USE ABORTION TO HIDE THEIR CRIMES. ABORTION IS THE “SOLUTION” FOR THE RAPIST – NOT FOR THE WOMAN OR HER CHILD.

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² Groth, N.A. & Bures, A.W. (1977). Rape as sexual deviation. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* 47(3), 400-406.

³ Mahkorn, S.K. & Dolan, W.V. (1981). Sexual Assault and Pregnancy. In *New Perspectives on Human Abortion*. T. Hilgers, D. Horan & D. Mall (Eds.). Frederick, MD: Aletheia Books, University Publications of America, Inc.

⁴ www.theradiancefoundation.org.

IS ABORTION THE MOST LOVING RESPONSE?

The pregnancy rate following rape is approximately 5%. It is estimated that 40% of these pregnancies are carried to term and half end in abortion, about 1% of all abortions.¹

Rape is not about sex, but is a violent misuse of the sexual act to fulfill the aggressor's deviant psychological, developmental and personal needs, including the need for power and control.²

WHEN THE INNOCENT CHILD CONCEIVED IN RAPE IS REJECTED, WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT THE MOTHER OF THE CHILD?

The psychological recovery of the victim of rape requires that she accept that she has not brought the crime upon herself, that she understands the rapist's deviance, and that she forgives her attacker so she can respond without anger to others in loving ways. Killing her own child can only make it more difficult for her to fulfill these tasks of healing.

In fact, the child is a second victim of the rape. Totally innocent, the child exists because of another's crime. If she succumbs to the pressure to abort her child, violence again victimizes an innocent person.³

WOMEN, WHO ABORTED THEIR BABIES, SUFFERED FROM THE ABORTION.

“I felt an emptiness that nothing could fill, and quickly discovered that the aftermath of abortion continued a long time after the memory of the rape had dimmed... Contrary to what everyone had told me, the abortion was much harder to deal with than the rape. The rape was a violent crime against me, an innocent victim. The abortion was the violent murder of my child, and I was a willing participant.”

Jackie Bakker

WHAT IS THE LOVING RESPONSE TO THE VICTIM OF RAPE?

Ryan Bomberger's biological mother was raped yet courageously chose to continue the pregnancy, giving him Life. He was adopted as a baby and grew up in a loving, multi-racial Christian family of 15.



“One woman made a selfless choice so that I can love and be loved... I'm the 1% that is used all the time to justify 100% of abortions... Abortion activists call me the rapist's child... When do we ever define an innocent child by the crimes of either parent? This is only necessary to those whose ideology demands the dehumanization of that life to justify killing via abortion... My biological mother was strength personified. She chose to be stronger than her circumstances. I am beyond grateful for her courage and the incredible gift of life and love she gave to me, especially through adoption... Children conceived in rape are often considered by their biological mothers as the only redemption amidst the horrific devastation of rape... I am not the 'rapist's child'. I am her child. I am God's child. I'm one of thousands every year, given the opportunity to live, love and redeem what the rapist tried to destroy. Our stories are full of hope, full of love, full of purpose.”⁴

Ryan Bomberger



Ryan with his children.