

Your Daughter's Abortion and You

A grandparent—that's you—of a baby you cannot see or hold, can never “spoil,” because your grandchild died during the “termination” of your daughter's pregnancy. How do you feel about that? Does it trouble you that your daughter participated in the act that ended your unborn grandchild's life? How do you feel toward your daughter—bitter, angry, relieved, compassionate, confused, guilty, ashamed, hurt?

Where do you go from here?

She's still your daughter!

Perhaps she broke your heart because she didn't trust you enough to tell you she was pregnant, or because she ignored all that you had taught her, or because she wouldn't listen to your advice not to have an abortion. However, God gives us children for life. You will always be your daughter's parent. She will always be your child...no matter what.

Realize your daughter may have had the abortion to spare you the disgrace of her immorality becoming public, or because she did not want to admit her sexual activity to you.

Understand your daughter may not have considered that abortion kills an unborn baby. She ran into the arms of people only too willing to help her “resolve” her problem by the “quick fix” of the abortion. Now she may hurt more than either of you realizes.

Comfort your daughter as she experiences the spiritual and emotional turmoil, which is a consequence of her abortion decision. You lost a grandchild, but your daughter must live the rest of her life knowing she participated in the death of her own unborn baby. If she is willing, talk through your hurts together. Cry together. Seek help where you can with a post abortion Bible study together or other counseling. It will help you both.

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