

## Speak Up For Life

Recently, I faced the question, “Why are you pro-life?” I have always known I am pro-life, for strong reasons, not because I was told I should be. I have a friend, one I can call a brother, all because his mother had faith in God and chose to continue carrying her son. I have seen the flip side too. I know men and women who have made the decision to abort their child. I have seen the emotional pain post abortive people suffer through. I am pro-life because everyone has the right-to-life, and to experience life more abundantly.

Last year, my class discussed why euthanasia should be illegal. One classmate expressed that it goes against God’s law. Another pointed out that it goes against the Hippocratic Oath. My teacher explained why it is more than just that. She shared that during her pregnancy there were complications with the baby. The doctor described possible risks and advised her to abort. Her family became concerned and also encouraged her to give up the baby boy living inside her. She knew her baby deserved a fighting chance at life, not death. That healthy boy is now one of my best friends. Many people share my friend’s story, the choice their mothers made saved their lives. The decision my teacher made in keeping her baby had a huge effect on so many. My class’s further research showed that many doctors give inconsistent test results that end the life of many unborn babies. We need to speak up for those who do not have a voice.

Women turn to abortion for many reasons, like the inability to support a baby or pressure from the father or another family member. Ultimately, fear is what often compels them to make the decision. Guilt causes heartache, and devastation, and creates a hole where there would have been a child, a void that remains in their heart forever. These mothers and fathers spend years burying their decision to end their child’s life. The only way for them to find peace is through

Christ's forgiveness and God's undying mercy and love. The men and women I know are a part of Acts of Grace, a post-abortion ministry at my church. They offer support to suffering post abortive men and women. Although there are many different reasons they chose to abort, they all went through emotional turmoil, which is only relieved through Christ. We need to speak out to those who are afraid.

I believe that everyone deserves the chance to live and encounter a fulfilling life. The decisions we make can either bring amazing experiences or terrible consequences. God uses everything we go through to bring us closer to Him. Babies with possible risks are not burdens, but blessings. People who have made the choice to abort know their mistake and suffer in guilt. We should speak up for those who can not and those who are afraid to speak up.