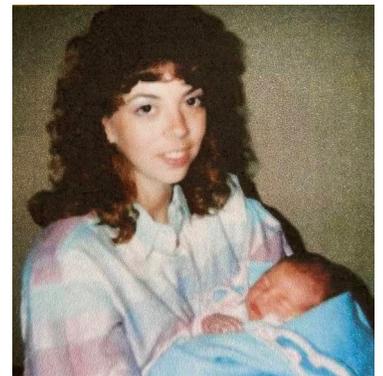


# Daybreak Client Story

*[Daybreak honors the privacy and confidentiality of our clients. The following story and pictures are being provided with explicit permission from our client, Caryn Powell, and her daughter Katie Lavender.]*

Thirty-five years ago, I was serving Daybreak as a hotline volunteer. I got a call one night from a 19-year-old college student, Caryn Powell, who was pregnant and scared. As we talked that night on the phone, her boyfriend wanted her to have an abortion, but she knew in her heart she couldn't go through with that decision. She allowed me to share the gospel as we talked about life and other options she had. She knew she couldn't provide for a baby on her own, so we talked about adoption.

We met the next day, and as she describes it, "God began to work in her life." She insisted in the months that followed that her baby be placed with a Christian couple. As Caryn said, "Releasing my baby required a huge sacrifice on my part. I would have to go against my flesh and trust God that He would provide for BOTH of us. The decision was not made lightly, but I knew it was the right one. God gave me a perfect peace that sustained me for almost twenty years." We both held that baby girl the day she was born, knowing we might never see her again.



In the summer of 2009, Caryn began to search for her daughter. The adoption agency, Love Life in Florence, had closed and no one seemed to know where to find records. God answered her faithful prayers and put her in touch with someone who could help her. In less than six weeks, she had a response from the adoptive family, and on December 19, 2009, she was reunited with her daughter, Katie Lavender. It was "joy inexpressible!" When Katie was asked to describe the reunion, she said, "All I really see is the Lord! I knew He was preparing me for something big! I realized God had orchestrated this all in His perfect timing, and my anxiety went away when I discovered what a godly woman my birth mother was!"



I had lost contact with Caryn, as she had moved away, so you can imagine my surprise when she called twenty years later and said, "Aimee, this is Caryn. I have found my baby and we are coming to see you!!!" What a reunion that was!!!!!! Katie was so beautiful, but most of all she had been raised by Christian parents and had given her life to the Lord at age 19.

Katie is still walking with the Lord and is serving Him as a traveling nurse, helping countless people. As for Caryn, she is married with two additional children, Jonathan and Sarah, and lives in Chapin, SC. Before they moved to Chapin, she lived in Beaufort and volunteered at the Beaufort Women's Center, where the healing really began as she counseled women who were going through her same story. As she says, "God had been working in her life for years, but this brought true healing."

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