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Male Mentor



Hi, my name is Jimi. I am one of the [Male Mentors at Daybreak](#). This is a short summary of my life and how I found my way to Daybreak.

When I was a young man around 16 years of age, I made a big mistake: I got my girlfriend pregnant. She didn't want to keep the baby, but I did. In my mind at the time, I thought it's her body, so who am I to tell her what to do. Plus, it was more convenient for me as I could go on with my life without any changes. I was selfish and thought the baby was just a clump of cells, no big deal. So, she had the abortion with me on the sideline, thinking it was nothing.

Moving forward, when I was 21 years old, I married a different woman. We had three beautiful children who are now young adults. After twenty-one years of marriage, she and I divorced. To make a long story short, I got custody of my children and quickly learned a valuable lesson: that being a single parent isn't so easy.

I lived in Long Island, New York all my life and worked for the same company in Manhattan as a foreman doing glass, metal and welding for forty years. I was there on 9/11/2001 when the Towers went down. I worked around Ground Zero for three months and helped the city and country recover.

I am now retired and live in Chapin, SC. I felt empty inside even though I had everything I ever wanted, so I started going back to church. Then I joined a men's fellowship group and met a bunch of great men. One of the guys I met was Rob who is a pastor and a Green Beret in the Army.

We got together and decided to give back for all the blessings in our lives; and now every Wednesday, we feed the homeless in Columbia. But more importantly, we preach the Word and try to lead them to our Lord Jesus. We plant seeds every Wednesday. It's such a blessing!

I started to read the Bible every morning. One day I read Proverbs 24:10-12 (MEV), *"If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. If you refrain to deliver those who are drawn unto death, and those who are ready to be slain; if you say, 'Surely we did not know this,' does not He who ponders the heart consider it? And He who keeps your soul, does He not know it?"*

After reading that, I knew I had to do something. I asked Joel Baker, the leader of our men's fellowship, how could I get involved with trying to stop all the abortions in the U.S. Joel knew [Brennan Aschleman, Daybreak's Board Vice Chairman](#), who came to one of our meetings to speak. His talk was inspiring and he led me to call Daybreak. When I called Daybreak, I spoke to Mike Bordwine, the leader of Daybreak's Male Mentor Program, and told him that I was interested in volunteering.

Looking back, I wish I could change the outcome of what I did and didn't do when I was 16 years old. I made a bad mistake and couldn't go back in time, so I prayed for forgiveness, I repented and received God's Grace. Thanks to Jesus and His love, I am at peace.

My goal at Daybreak is to help men make the right decision and choose life. With the help of all the wonderful people at Daybreak and our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, I know we have a winning team. May God be with us always. Amen.