

Daybreak Client Story

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Recently, I met with a young woman who represents so many of our clients. She had spent eight years in an abusive relationship. During that relationship, she had a son, and shortly after he was born, she found out that she was pregnant again. Desperate to get out of that situation and the relationship at that point, she chose abortion. She did manage to escape from the abusive relationship after that, but now she was back at Daybreak, pregnant again, with another man's baby.

As we talked, I could see the heaviness of the situation on her. She had the joy of being a mother to her little boy, the heartache and guilt from the past abortion, and the impossible decision she was facing that day. She doesn't see a future with this man (at the time he was saying that he would support her), she's in the middle of nursing school, and she's already a single mom. She thinks abortion is the only option, but she knows the pain. She understands all too well what that decision means for her. She repeated multiple times, "The timing is just not good".

We prayed over her situation, and then God went to work. It was clear that she did not want to abort this child, but that the timing with school was nothing short of terrible. So, how do we help with the timing? I went and spoke to the other Daybreak staff and asked about short-term foster options that might help her care for the baby full or part time until she could finish school. We were sure that there would be a way! I asked the client if having this sort of help could make it possible for her to finish school and have her baby. That little bit of support gave her the hope she needed that day to say, "Yes".

Following up with her a few weeks later, she told me that the father of the baby had changed his mind, and he wasn't going to support her after all, and he had moved out. BUT, she said that she had decided she was going to keep the baby either way! I could hear the relief and confidence of that decision in her voice.

She and I talk and have lunch regularly these days, and she is quickly becoming a close friend. I have been truly blessed to know her and her son. Her life has taken many twists and turns since our first meeting, and it is far from easy, but she is committed to protecting and providing for her children, and she is trusting God and drawing closer to Him through this experience.



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