

Pro-Life Heroes

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There are myriad reasons why we are Pro-Life. *Pro-Life Heroes* chronicles the activities of everyday people who make tremendous sacrifices to defend innocent human Life.

Jackie knows from experience that the best doctors and most accurate medical tests are not infallible. Jackie's story started when a dilation and curettage (D & C) needed to treat her reproductive dysfunction turned into a nightmare. The D & C is a standard medical procedure used to treat miscarriage and certain female disorders. The D & C is also used as an abortion procedure because a D & C cleans out the uterus and will kill a baby who is growing in utero.

It was critical that Jackie not be pregnant, and she was not according to her doctor's pelvic exams and a negative blood pregnancy test. But immediately after the D & C, Jackie intuitively knew something was wrong. The following week she called her doctor and said, "I think I'm pregnant." Her doctor assured her that she was not pregnant when he performed her D & C. Then after a long pause he said, "Jackie, I see no possible way that a baby could survive the extensive procedure I performed."

To alleviate her concerns, he scheduled an ultrasound. After an exhaustive study of the ultrasound screen, the radiologist turned to Jackie and reported, "There is a seven-week gestational sac in your uterus, but I can find no evidence of life within it." She immediately saw her doctor, and he ordered a follow-up ultrasound for an incomplete miscarriage. Jackie, Bob, and their church prayed for the baby until Jackie returned for her ultrasound. This time the radiologist saw a living eight-week old unborn baby.

Jackie's baby had miraculously survived the D & C; although, the baby could be born with severe physical and mental disabilities because of the D & C and related medications. Her doctor said he was legally obligated to inform her of those disabilities and of her option to have a "medically necessary" abortion. Jackie told him that abortion was not an option she or her husband would consider, and the doctor was supportive of their decision. His associate was not! He adamantly advised Jackie to consider abortion as the best choice for her, Bob, their two young sons, and their unborn child. Jackie's Pro-Life views and Christian convictions were ludicrous to him. He looked at her, shook his head, and left the room.

On January 17, 1983, Jackie and Bob were blessed with a baby girl. Kimberly's C-Section delivery was five days prior to the tenth anniversary of *Roe v Wade*. Each year Kimberly's life is celebrated

at the same time abortion supporters “celebrate” a woman's legal right to abortion. As Jackie thanks God for Kimberly, her heart aches for women who suffer the pain of abortion as she reflects on mothers who grieve for the babies that they never held and for birthdays that will never be celebrated--but are always painfully remembered. What an awesome privilege to be Kimberly's mother! As a university student, cross country runner, Real-Life officer, and Bible study leader, Kimberly inspires those who know her. To her family, she is a treasured gift from God.

Jackie will never forget the overwhelming anguish she felt when believing that she had unknowing ended her baby's life. She now ministers to women wounded and scarred by abortion and also to those considering abortion. She believes that loving both the mother and her unborn child is key to stopping the abortion industry. Jackie strongly cautions women to remember that good doctors can make medical mistakes and erroneous judgments. She urges women to think twice about all the "medically necessary" abortions recommended by doctors. Jackie encourages each woman to make a decision for "Life" based on the infallible teachings of the "Great Physician."

"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14