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The Hidden Costs

Abortion is sold as a woman's right. A solution to unwanted pregnancy. A quick procedure that once over, never has to be thought about again. I chose abortion at 18 years old. Now, 37 years later, I certainly have not forgotten. We are told that a woman has the right to control her own body as if abortion is a means of control. Once chosen, abortion creates its own affects. The physical, emotional, and psychological effects are beyond our control. Abortion does what it is designed to do....Kill and destroy; abruptly halt an ongoing process... the process of LIFE. No woman is ever freed by abortion. The only partner in the conception who can 'walk' is the man. I spent so many years, as most all women and men do, hiding this secret. Your entire psyche tries to grieve but there is no one to talk to. Even those who 'know' want you to be 'over it already', to move on. No one talks about it. People voice opinions and beliefs, but rarely admit if abortion is true of them, personally. Nothing I thought was important at the time...a "real wedding", small town gossip, college plans, little money....nothing was important enough to end the life of a baby, my baby. I believed, that it wasn't really a baby yet at 7 weeks. But years later, as I looked at sonogram images of my tiny little 7 week gestation daughter and then son and saw perfectly recognizable human form and beating heart, I saw truth! I lost trust in my own decisions after the abortion. I just wanted someone else to make my plans for me, so I spent years letting that happen. There is no valid reason to end the life of a developing baby. I now want everyone to know that abortion will never be a viable answer to the situation. Ending your baby's life will never bring you peace, fulfillment or true joy. And you will never forget it. There is no glory in this choice. Abortion is NOT for women it is AGAINST us.

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