



LESSON FOUR: A WOMAN-FOCUSED PERSPECTIVE

The goal of pregnancy care support is to reach out and offer hurting people the love of Christ. This love is demonstrated by sharing life-affirming alternatives to abortion, facilitating healing and reconciliation for those who have experienced abortion, and offering eternal hope for the future in Jesus Christ.

Woman-focused support is rooted in the understanding that pregnancy care centres exist to address a client's need, recognizing that she is the one who must make the choices. Only the woman carrying that child can make the decisions necessary to carry to term. It is not a decision or an action that can be carried out for her. We must not allow our desire to prevent abortion to lead us to assume that somehow God thinks more highly of the client's baby than He does of her.

**For the Lord your God
is God of gods and Lord
of lords, the great God,
mighty and awesome,
who shows no partiality
and accepts no bribes.**

Deuteronomy 10:17

This scripture teaches that God does not show preferential treatment. If the client does not feel special and worthy of care, why should she believe that her baby is special and worthy of her care? Both are image-bearers of God.

By helping the woman, we are also helping the child. Pregnancy care centre clients will often say, "I knew you cared about me, not just my baby. I wasn't a number to you, but a real person."

When we educate a woman about her options and release the pregnancy decision to her, we demonstrate respect and a non-judgmental attitude. In such cases, it is not uncommon for a woman who chooses abortion to return to a pregnancy care centre for post abortion support.

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