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Unplanned pregnancy reflections are a work of fiction. They are not reflective of any one individual's story. After meeting with thousands of women, their partners and their families over the years, there were themes or common elements that emerged. It is our hope and desire you will gain insight, empathy, compassion and understanding as you read these reflections.

Unplanned pregnancy continues to be a reality and affects upwards of 156,000 women each year in Canada alone. Women tend not to be open about their experiences with unplanned pregnancy. If they were, you would undoubtedly be surprised by how many women in your circles have been touched by unplanned pregnancy.

In recent years research has indicated 65% of women who choose termination when faced with an unplanned pregnancy self-declare themselves to be Catholic or Christian. It was for this reason we chose to write reflections pertaining to the experiences of Christian women. In order for the Church to be the "hope of the world", it must be a genuine source of hope to the many women, their partners, and families faced with unplanned pregnancy.

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”.

—MAYA ANGELOU

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EMILY *reflections from a teenage girl...*

I HAVE TO GO and get a pregnancy test at the drug store today. I should drop by the Shoppers on Woodroffe Avenue – that way I won't run into my mom at the one near home. I wonder how the test works... I should get the new kind I saw on T.V. last night- "blue" something...

If my mom only knew when we were watching American Idol together last night that I was thinking about a pregnancy test – wow – she would freak! She was mad enough at the snow plow guy last week when he dumped two feet of snow at the end of our driveway. If this test is positive there is no way I'm telling her.

{On cell phone with boyfriend}

It's positive; the test is positive how much clearer can I be?

What are we going to do?

What do you mean just get rid of it, are you kidding me, you make it sounds so simple.

{Call ends!}

I can see it now; headline reads, “16 year old pro-life poster girl gets an abortion”. I would look like such a hypocrite. I already feel like a hypocrite; I had sex before I was married. What’s wrong with me? I can’t handle this. I’ve got to talk to somebody.

As I think back on how I felt when I first found out I was pregnant I could sum it all up in one word — terrified! Not to mention trapped, guilty, ashamed, alone and angry. I felt like I had been caught red handed and now I needed to pay the price.

Sure, I could continue the pregnancy and just waste the rest of my teenage years changing diapers, wiping snotty noses, living on welfare, fighting with Eric about custody and finishing high school when I’m 40. Not to mention being completely disowned by my family and being kicked out of my youth group.

On the other hand I thought, I could have an abortion, no one would know (well almost no one), and I could just pretend that it didn’t happen. This would be so against what I believe, or at least what I’ve said I believe, what exactly do I believe?

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