

Sarah's Choice

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you."
Jeremiah 1:5*

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. John 3:3-5

You have made known to me the paths of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence. Acts 2:28

Sarah grew up in a Christian family. Her mother was disappointed that Sarah's boyfriend spent many nights at her daughter's apartment. Sarah was in line for a promotion at work when she found out that she was pregnant. The promotion that Sarah wanted was to replace a woman who would soon be taking a pregnancy leave. Sarah knew that she wouldn't get the promotion if her bosses knew she was expecting. Have you ever had situations arise in your life that changed your plans completely?

When Sarah visited the abortion clinic a woman in the elevator said to her, "Don't do it." She handed Sarah a Christmas card and said that she would be given three visions. Sarah's best friend at work said that the woman was probably one of those religious fanatics who wanted to try to make you feel guilty. As the two of them talked together Sarah's friend admitted that she had an abortion when she was sixteen. Have you made decisions in your life that you regret?

When Sarah told Matt that she was pregnant he was overwhelmed and said "We're not ready." At home Sarah looked up the size and development of a six week unborn baby on the internet. That night Sarah had her first vision of her little daughter. She saw herself holding her baby daughter and changing her diaper. She was intrigued by how sweet the little girl was. Although Sarah's baby seemed like a problem, in the visions she was a great blessing.

Sarah's mother and sister encouraged her to not end the baby's life. Sarah's mother and sister knew that they would love Sarah no matter what decision she made. They prayed for Sarah to choose the right one. Matt struggled with the idea of getting married. When Sarah had her second vision she met little Daisy who made her breakfast and went sledding with her. Sarah didn't want to have anything to do with God or faith. She tore up the Christmas card because she was still angry at God for the death of her father. Do you have a difficult decision to make? Ask God to help you. He will always be with you.

Sarah visited her mother's pastor and asked him if he believed that God still reveals Himself through visions and dreams. She told him that she wanted to know if the dreams she was having were from God. He told her to measure the message of the dreams against God's word. Later Sarah's friend confided that she carried a lot of guilt and pain from her abortion. Sometimes the easiest decisions are not the right ones. Wrong decision can cause lasting pain.

Our decisions can lead us in two very different directions. In the final vision Sarah saw Daisy grown with a husband a baby of her own. Then she saw the older lady who gave her the card in the elevator. Sarah said to her, "It's you." The older lady said, "No, I'm you, a lot older and a little smarter. You are here so you can see the direction your decisions are taking you. Do you want to grow old alone? Don't do it, Sarah." Have you made decisions you regret? Ask for forgiveness and trust that God will help you find peace.

Dear Lord, there are many decisions in life that are very difficult. Sometimes we make the right decisions and sometimes we don't. Forgive us for the mistakes we make. Help us turn to You and live. Fill us with the joy of Your saving grace. Help us bring Your comfort and healing to those who need them. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.