



# NOT IN MY CHURCH?

What's at stake and what you can do to prevent abortion and help those it hurts

# ABORTION IN THE CHURCH

The majority of women (70%) who have had abortions say their religious preference is Christian.

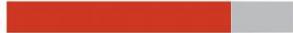
Nearly half of women who have had abortions were churchgoers when they ended their pregnancy.

Over half say no one at church knows about it.

Three-fourths of women who have had abortions say the church had no impact on that decision.

<http://lifewayresearch.com/2015/11/23/women-distrust-church-on-abortion/>

*Among women who have had an abortion:*

**76%**   
say the church had no influence on their decision to terminate a pregnancy

**64%**   
believe church members are more likely to gossip about a woman considering abortion than to help her understand options

**54%**   
would not recommend a friend or family member discuss an unplanned pregnancy at church

**52%**   
of churchgoers who have had an abortion say no one at church knows it

**43%**   
were churchgoers when they ended a pregnancy

**41%**   
think churches are prepared to help women with decisions about unplanned pregnancies

**30%**   
believe churches give accurate information about pregnancy options

**7%**   
discussed abortion decision with someone at church

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Nearly half (45%) of all US pregnancies are unintended, and about 40% of these are terminated by abortion.

One in five pregnancies ends in elective abortion.

Approximately 1 million abortions take place annually, and 1.5% of women aged 15–44 have an abortion. Nearly half of these women have had a previous abortion.

At current rates, 5% of women will have an abortion by age 20, about 20% by age 30 and about 25% by age 45.

Total abortions since 1973: at least 59,115,999

And each woman thinks she's the only one

<https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/induced-abortion-united-states>, and  
<http://www.nrlc.org/uploads/factsheets/FS01AbortionintheUS.pdf>

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The most conservative estimates say at least 5% of women who abort will experience serious emotional and mental health issues.

In real numbers that's close to 50,000 women a year, every year, for the last 45 years, or approximately 2.25 million individual women impacted since legalization in 1973.

After abortion women have higher rates of anxiety (34%) and depression (37%), heavier alcohol use (110%) and marijuana use (230%) and higher rates of suicidal behavior (155).

Ending isolation and learning spiritual truth may help resolve the grief and guilt abortion brings.

<http://afterabortion.org/2011/most-studies-show-abortion-linked-to-increased-mental-health-problems/>

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## WHO ARE THE INFLUENCERS?

By far the greatest influence on abortion decisions is the father of the baby. Parents, friends, and other family members round out the two-thirds majority of the influencers.

### GIVEN HOW MANY ARE IMPACTED

Imagine if just one person in that circle of influence could help a woman choose life. Could that person be in your church today?

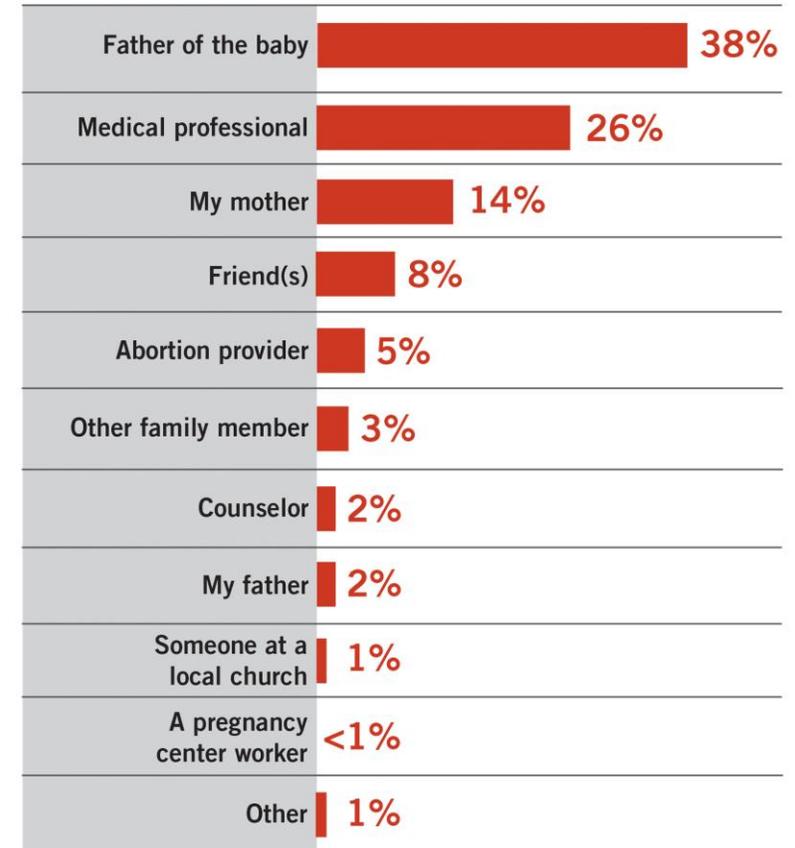
PLEASE JOIN US IN REBUILDING PLACES OF GREAT SORROW IN YOUR CHURCH AND YOUR COMMUNITY

HELP US SHARE THE MESSAGE OF PREVENTING ABORTION AND HELPING THOSE IT HURTS BY SUPPORTING OUR MISSION AS YOUR MISSION.

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Among women who had an abortion:

Which of these was most influential on your decision to terminate the pregnancy?



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## GIVING VOICE TO GOD'S LOVE

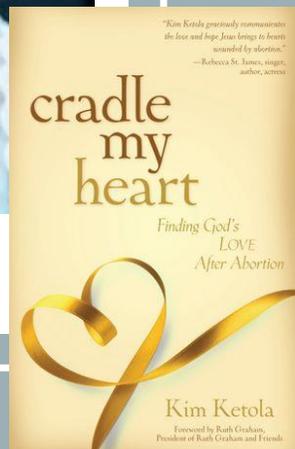
Cradle My Heart Today is a one-minute radio and video feature with stories reflecting redemption in Christ after unintended pregnancy or abortion. Now airing on over 800 radio outlets, NRB-TV and Cornerstone TV network.

Our stories are meeting real needs as we join women in the conversations of our lives with challenging truths about our roles as mothers, grandmothers, and friends in faith. We share biblical truths to encourage them to stand for life and heal abortion's grief, and relatable and relevant principles to understand the life issue in practical terms.

Each broadcast is crafted with storytelling excellence by Host Kim Ketola, award-winning writer and broadcaster, mother, sister and friend in faith. Her faith and experience illuminate one of the greatest untold stories of our time: the impact of abortion on the men and women who have experienced it. Kim is a Member of the Minnesota Broadcasting Hall of Fame for her work while known as Kim Jeffries (KS95, WCCO Radio and TV, and KTIS). Kim's book *Cradle My Heart, Finding God's Love After Abortion* is an Amazon #1 bestseller, and was a Finalist for the Evangelical Christian Press Association's Book of the Year in 2013, and features a Foreword by Ruth Graham.

Kim says, "Cradle My Heart Today is reaching those who need God's healing love to connect them with resources and relationships which restore."

For more visit [cradlemyheart.org](http://cradlemyheart.org).



“God offers genuine hope and true healing. It's there for the taking. Cradle My Heart shows you how you can have it.” Wayne Stiles, former pastor, EVP, Insight for Living.

“Christian radio reaches people, one at a time in the privacy of their car, home or office. And in those divinely appointed listening moments, God uses Kim Ketola's stories to give hope to many.” Dick Whitworth, General Manager, Faith Radio

“Kim has contributed a great addition to the literature of this tender issue. Having written a book on this topic myself, I am in a position to judge this to be valid and useful information.” Counselor and author Teri Reisser, *A Solitary Sorrow*

“I really enjoyed listening to your show and how you are helping women. And their stories are inspiring!” Julianne Morris, Cradle My Heart listener

## WHAT LEADERS ARE SAYING

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