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I was born into a church-going family and do not remember not knowing about Christ. I was on the Cradle Roll of our Methodist Church, in the Children’s Choir, my father was a Sunday School teacher, and my mother prepared the Lord’s Supper for our Communion. My parents’ best friends were the pastor and his wife, and I was in their daughter’s wedding. I always felt a loving care from God, and read and studied the Bible. I was confirmed in my church, and went through classes as a new member when I was 11 years old. The pastor and his wife were evangelical leaders, and really “walked the talk.”

Meanwhile, my parents struggled with their daily walk away from the church grounds. My mother caused great fear in my life, and she was unable to show me acceptance because she couldn’t accept her past and let God forgive her. I was caught in a generational prison of guilt and fear. When I was 14 we moved, and I lost all the people who were my Christian friends and leaders. I never could attach to another church or youth group. I became involved with the elite of the school in my 9th-12th grade years. I turned my back on my childhood training, and looked for love in all the wrong places. I became sexually active at 16, and it was all downhill from there.

When I went to college I continued my immoral life in being sexually active, taking drugs, and being defiant to my parents and God. I became pregnant at 20, blocked all my thoughts of “it” being a person, and had an abortion in March, 1973, the first year Roe. Vs. Wade made abortion legal in the United States. I regretted my decision immediately, but after finding no where to grieve my loss I became depressed and suicidal. I was miserable after that. I lived life, but learned to wear a mask and hide my pain.

I married the father of my aborted baby in 1975, and we continued the pattern of dysfunction. I did not open my Bible, and led an immoral life. Our

relationship was abusive, and I suffered immensely. When I was pregnant with my first child, I remembered how I had been raised in the church, and I returned to the church before she was born. I rededicated my life to the Lord and was baptized when I was 27 years old. I was nurtured there and my whole world started to change again. However my marriage continued to be rocky.

I participated in the “Forgiven and Set Free” Bible Study, and my husband and I received the forgiveness of the Lord and ourselves. It has been a continuous process, even to today, as the Lord ministers to us, layer by layer, of cleansing us of our sins and rebuilding the foundation of our relationship.

I have realized that God had me in the palm of His hand the whole time. He has led me to Bible Study, repentance, forgiveness and an intimate relationship with Him. I have been taught how to be merciful because of the mercy shown me by God for all the sins I have done against Him, my parents, my husband, my unborn baby, and my family. Because of Him I have joy, hope, peace, and rest each moment of my life.

A wife and mother, Denise has used her healing to counsel women contemplating an abortion and facing unplanned pregnancies. She has spoken about her desire to bring the freedom of Christ’s forgiveness to all women who have suffered an abortion. Denise is a retired flight attendant. When not busy with her family, church, and volunteer work, she loves to play tennis. Denise is a staff member for Concepts of Truth, Inc. on the National Helpline for Abortion Recovery.