



Dear Friends,

“Be still and know I am God” is one of my favorite bible verses...if only I would always take that advice! It is part of what we try to do for clients...to be still and really listen to them. Sometimes there is just too much talking and not enough silent listening. Sometimes that is all it takes for a woman seeking an abortion to have a change of heart: to reflect and be heard.

We received a phone call from a woman calling to schedule an abortion appointment. She had a lot of anger and frustration in her voice. Our counselor simply asked what was wrong and then listened as she shared the details of a big fight she just had with her boyfriend. After about twenty minutes of empathetic listening she was feeling much more at peace and then easily realized abortion was not a good decision and thanked us for being there to listen.

Our Valiant Woman mobile clinic was parked outside an abortion mill at 40 Days for Life with people who were silently praying. A woman who had gone into the mill and was literally on the table getting ready for an abortion, suddenly decided to get off the table, leave the mill and came to the mobile clinic for an ultrasound. Another baby saved just by being there to listen and to help.

A third client who had an abortion 24 years ago and never had any children came to us seeking a 2<sup>nd</sup> abortion. After asking about her abortion experience and listening to her reflect on how that had affected her over the past 24 years, she was astounded at her own insights and made the decision that she was now ready to be a mother and wouldn't repeat that same mistake again.

It is a noisy world out there, and sadly human life has become so devalued that we make life and death decisions without reflection and without the pain we are in being heard or acknowledged. Take time to be silent and to listen. God's voice is then most easily heard. Thank you for your generous support which allowed us to be available to listen, to love and to help mothers choose life for their unborn children. May God reward you abundantly!