

Dear Children...

A Story of Post-Abortion Healing

Presenter's Guide

This program is extremely powerful. Viewers may be suffering from post-abortion syndrome, so be sure to have counselors present for support and referral.

Please give your audience a few moments at the conclusion of the program to disengage from it emotionally before moving to discussion or activity.

Program Summary

Thousands of men and women suffer from the direct or indirect psychological and spiritual consequences of abortion, collectively known as *post-abortion syndrome*. In *Dear Children...*, individuals and couples openly share the pain of abortion and confront their anger, guilt, denial, and grief. They also share their discovery of the overwhelming presence of God in their lives—a God who loves them, has forgiven them, and has given them renewed hope.

Dr. Susan Harvath, clinical psychologist and expert on post-abortion syndrome, offers insight into all of these issues and discusses ways to find healing and forgiveness.

Program Objectives

- To help professional counselors, church personnel, and pro-life agencies in their work with people suffering from post-abortion syndrome
- To familiarize the viewer with post-abortion syndrome and to help begin the healing process

- To start a discussion on post-abortion syndrome
- To motivate viewers to contact a post-abortion syndrome organization for further healing

Discussion Questions

1. Do we really understand all the consequences abortion has on a person? All the physical, psychological, moral, and spiritual effects? On men *and* women?
2. What is post-abortion syndrome?
3. Are you able to offer compassion and forgiveness to a person with post-abortion syndrome? What was your gut reaction to Michelle and her story? To Tom? To Tom and Gloria? To Ed and Morna?
4. We know God forgives us. Are persons with post-abortion syndrome able to forgive themselves? In time? Ever?
5. Do you think the medical community and the media have given post-abortion syndrome the consideration it deserves, or have they simply refused to acknowledge or discuss it? Why do you feel this way?

Referral Information

Many organizations offer information on post-abortion syndrome. The National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation & Healing can direct you to an organization near you. Visit their website at www.noparh.org or call 1-800-5WE-CARE (1-800-593-2273).

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