

# Broken Branches

*"Take courage! God has healing in store for you; so take courage" (Tb. 5:10)*

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Dear friends, here we go again already midyear and more and more I realise how quickly the time flies. I remember as a young girl, (long ago!) school holidays seemed to be interminable. I didn't want to stay home and help with housework and other chores I wanted to be at school with friends!! Goodness how we see things differently.

I think that what this time in isolation has done has been to slow us down and take stock and catch up on "things" that have forever been put in abeyance, or "later" basket, some slow down and catching up on office backlog such as fulfilling requests for books and new requests for newsletter and for me some reading of the 192 emails which sort of seemed too much to read. All done!!

During this "social distancing" and enforced isolation what has been happening to someone like me and my work is to increase rather than slow down. Indeed, I've accepted two more clients. One from Melbourne and one more here in Perth.

The Perth client I have been able to see in my office (not finished yet but Ok and enough room for sufficient distance between us) and the Melbourne young lady has weekly 1-2 hr sessions per phone and I am hoping that as soon as borders open I will be able to quickly go to Melbourne not only to see this new young lady but also the other nine clients whom I have also been speaking/counselling over the phone as needed and of course see my two boys whom I miss very much.

As I have always said, I don't particularly like this method of counselling (phone) especially not for my kind of work (abortion and sexual abuse) where pain and tears flow copiously. To me it seems distant and this work requires visible even tangible, empathetic person to person time.

As I listen to our state leaders and national leader, I am more and more hesitant and doubtful with their directions. Many methods of curbing this CV19 have been implemented but I don't believe that the psychological impact of their insisted methods have been taken seriously into account. My suspicion is that we will see much need for mental health assistance in the coming months and maybe even years.

Mental health consequences of CV19 are really being overlooked (even though \$\$\$ allocated to it) and the consequences of the pandemic, that is, increased anxiety, in many many cases loneliness, financial distress, fears, triggering of early memories of isolation (sexual abuse) and other distress not considered.

Where there are already existing emotional difficulties and pain the added stressors have not been accommodated and the consequences (from several of my clients) have not been good.

Whilst there are counsellors who either like or wish to do distance counselling and feel comfortable with it, I am not one of those counsellors. I have understood counselling to mean a need for interaction which also includes physical presence and visible presence and interaction. However during these days as the need arises I will do both phone counselling and even Skype.

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## NZ Abortion - New laws

Dear friends we as a humanity never seem to learn.

During these chaotic pandemic days (march-April-May) the New Zealand Prime Minister Ms Jacinda Ardern had the guile to rush through the world's most extreme abortion legislation into law. This, whilst her country and citizens were distracted with worry and fears over the Covid19.

The new abortion law in New Zealand is even more extreme than the law in Victoria, Australia – making it the most extreme abortion law in the world. (not something to boast about or be proud of).

Abortion in NZ will now be available on-demand, for any reason up to birth.

Sex-selection abortion will be legal

The 20-week limit for disability-selective abortion will be scrapped and abortion will be available up to birth for disabilities including cleft lip, club foot and Down syndrome et al.

There will be no requirement that a doctor must be involved with providing an abortion.

There will be no legal requirement that babies born alive after a 'failed' abortion are to be given medical support. (infanticide)

There will be no legal requirement for pain relief be given to babies being aborted between 20 weeks and birth, though studies have shown (see my last newsletter) pain is felt from much earlier gestation.

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There will be no restrictions on controversial methods of carrying out the abortion including the barbarous partial-birth abortions, which is that cruel method involving surgical scissors and puncturing base of skull. (I don't want to go further).

Polling showed that the new law is strongly opposed by the public's demands in New Zealand and in particular by women, with only 2% of women supporting abortion being available on-demand up to birth, 93% of women opposing sex-selection abortion and 94% of women supporting the current standards

There is little public support for the changes which have been "snuck" in when Ms Ardern's people were not looking and Ms Ardern's Government rushed the final stages of the Bill's progress through Parliament while MPs, media and the country were distracted with dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic. This included progressing the final sitting of the committee stage and the Bill's third and final reading through Parliament on the same day. What horrific dishonesty. Her bottom lip wavers when its convenient but not when it comes to saving babies, the future citizens of her country.

An attempt to protect babies from sex-selective abortion was defeated with 50 votes in favour and 70 against, despite strong concerns over the practice being highlighted in a submission to the Abortion Legislation Committee from Stop Gendercide – a campaign group who had urged MPs to support the amendment.

Other defeated pro-life measures, aiming to soften the measure of the Bill, including pain relief for babies being aborted between 20-weeks and birth, stronger protections for conscientious objection.

New Zealand-based pro-life campaign group Voice for Life said:

"In passing Labour's extreme abortion Bill our MPs have ushered in a new law that will liberalise abortion up to birth, allow for sex-selective abortions, and remove current freedom of conscience rights from New Zealand medical professionals. Over the last few Parliamentary sessions our MPs had the opportunity to pass amendments that would have corrected some of the worst extremes of this Bill but instead they chose to reject such moderate measures...

Our Parliament has a duty of care to consider the wellbeing and protection of all New Zealanders including the vulnerable.

Tonight, they failed in that basic duty of care by passing this extreme Bill, but the hundreds of thousands of voters who opposed this Bill will not forget this failure when it is time to vote in the General Election in a few short months."

This new NZ law based on the Australian 2008 law overlooked the side effect of the very high late-term abortion rate in Australia and the reality that many babies have been left to die after being born alive during a number of 'botched' terminations.

These new laws remind me of a conference I went to many many years ago (in Rome) and sitting during lunch with another delegate who was very very conversant with the UN and I'll always remember her telling me that there was movement afoot to make laws which ensure that a woman "has a right to a dead baby"

So here we have the laws in action. A late term abortion demanded, baby is born alive but not helped because this baby was meant to be born dead and so what is delivered is a baby who's been left unassisted to die because the mother demanded "a dead baby"

I have attended very many conferences but the above words have haunted me since I first heard them.

A Channel 7 news report, broadcast on April 17 2010, reported that there had been a large increase in late-term abortions being performed since the introduction of the 2008 Abortion Law Reform. Presenter Jennifer Keyte stated how "midwives and doctors feel traumatized" by having to perform so many late-term abortions and yet Ms Ardern also refused to listen to these voices. Nurses and midwives whose oath is to help babies asked to watch as baby is intentionally killed. Left to die.

In Australia we have a record of many late term abortion requests for as minor reason as cleft palate or wrong gender. Late term abortion is simply a term for infanticide. It's a baby who would survive given care such as other preemie babies who are wanted are given. Under the guise of "women's rights" we have opened the door wide to child sacrifice. A modern, sterilised, child sacrifices offered to the Goddess "women's rights"

During these days of social distancing, lockdowns, worry about lifesaving, worry about a treacherous virus Ms Ardern saw fit

to enact a law determining that It's acceptable to kill her country's future citizens.

Churches closed, essentials closed, businesses closed. Her country's working population shut down, her country's economy trashed (like everybody else's) but abortions and abortion laws (parliament had time for this) and abortion facilities open for business. It has been determined, not only in New Zealand, but almost globally that abortion *IS AN ESSENTIAL*. Imagine killing babies is an essential during a plague. And then we wonder why terrible things and terrible times come upon us. It's not politically correct to say what I have just said about terrible things happening to us. But it has to be said.

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## DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS.

Doctors Without Frontiers/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is known as a humanitarian organisation which has had, to date, a noble work ethic with a fabulously good reputation. However, recently, according to a report emanating from C-Fam (28-02-2020), Doctors without Frontiers or (MSF) has now teamed up with an abortion-pill provider and launched online medical abortion guidelines and instructions (cartoon videos) which can be used for do-it-yourself abortions of babies up to 22 weeks gestation. Imagine a woman (mother) doing her own abortion and delivering a dead baby for her to see and dispose of. What heartlessness.

It's tragic to think and listen the disrespect shown as they flippantly explain the process of taking the tablets to kill your unborn baby.

Teaming up with HowToUseAbortionPill.org and giving this group more credence and respectability because of the reputation of Doctors without Borders this now acceptable and instructional practice is promoted.

My own huge concern over this is the fact that a woman not only puts herself in serious serious danger but she herself intentionally sets out to kill her own baby. Its not another who does it but she herself begins the procedure of killing her baby. At a future date (short or distant) the psychological effects of this will be horrendous because she sees the very real humanity of her baby and it will then dawn on her what she did.

Here I am reminded of someone I counselled about 15 years ago. It was not the woman who aborted who came for counselling but her own mother.

The woman related to me that on the morning of the abortion (she was driving her daughter to abortion facility) the young woman nearly slipped going down two front steps of their house and her first instinct was to hold her abdomen with both

arms/hands as if she was protecting her baby. She was taking her baby to be aborted but when it appeared in danger, she instinctively tried to protect it.

This action affected the woman who came to me (grandmother) and it was this action which had her seriously doubting the rightness of what they had done and indeed her daughter after the abortion distanced herself from their previously normal relationship.

A mother has it written in her being to protect her child. We even see this in the animal kingdom, so it's not normal to for her to begin the process of terminating the life of her child and think she will remain untouched by this.

This new monstrosity of woman aborting her own child will lead to a different female, one who has slowly changed her design.

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As Catholic/Christian and people of goodwill please be aware and perhaps be careful in your support of whatever kind to MSF and do this with a clear conscience. This organisation together with others e.g. Amnesty International have determined to make abortion an issue labelled "necessary healthcare" The intentional killing of a preborn baby is now necessary healthcare? Lunacy.

These organisations which were intended to help humanity have turned their backs on the weakest of the human patients and decreed assistance be given for their demise as something necessary.

Personally, I have had in the past much admiration for Doctors without Frontiers and their work of not choosing whom to help but to help all in need and it saddened me very much to learn of their latest determination, abortion. It seems that the abortion tentacles have reached even into areas where life is so vulnerable and preborn infants, themselves the most of all vulnerable, have been deemed not worthy of saving and of respect by these same doctors.

These same doctors who put their own lives in danger to help those in danger have now decided that the smallest needy of help will not find it with them. How sad....

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BRUCE DAWE RIP. 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

I have recently read in *The Australian* of the passing of the Australian poet Bruce Dawe who wrote and created beautiful imagery with words. His passing on April 1 at 90 years deserves a memory.

To honour his passing, I want to share with you his beautiful pro-life poem.

## THE WHOLLY INNOCENT

I never walked abroad in air,  
I never saw the sky,  
Nor knew the sovereign touch of care,  
Nor looked into an eye.

I never chose, nor gave assent,  
Nor voted on my fate-  
Unseen I came, unseen I went,  
Too early and too late.  
This was my only life-line: trust,  
As absolute as blood,  
Now down into a bucket thrust,  
Anonymous as mud.  
Oh, you within whose god-like power  
It lies to so decide,  
Remember me when some late hour,

Talk turns to "genocide",  
For I was part of that doomed race  
Whose death-cell was the womb  
But who can clear that bloody space?  
And call it "living room" "?  
I never had a name, or cried  
That central cry," I am! "  
But in a world -wide shambles died,  
Defenceless as a lamb.  
And many called it self-defence,  
And many ZPG,  
And all was done at my expense,  
At total cost of me.  
Remember me the next time, you  
Rejoice at sun or star -  
I would have loved to see them, too.  
I never got that far.

RIP Bruce Dawe. Thank you.

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## Abandonment and Abortion

It's not unusual to receive a request for counselling for what appears to be abortion experience and of course this can be the ostensive reason which brings women especially for counselling to me. This is the area of my work so it's not surprising. However, whilst the reason for her to see me is the abortion issue and referred to me because of the abortion issue, at times it's more than the abortion/s which are at the bottom of her grief, emotional pain, and suffering.

I have, after many years developed a "radar" which alerts me to the need to sit back and see and hear and listen to language which will tell me what is the underlying cause of her hurts, her abortions, her fears.

When my "radar" alerts me to other issues, then from the very beginning I must wait till the client is happy to speak about abortion/abortions and to listen and try to hear what are the

predominant words which she speaks and invariably the cause of the "real" need for counselling will emerge.

Yes, abortion/s exist because these have brought her to counselling, but other issues, I believe, are stronger and perhaps led to the abortion. Issues surrounding other losses.

These new clients (Trish and Marie) have had me pondering deeply as I felt that I was missing something but couldn't see what it was that I was missing. And then violá

In one of these instances it's a deep wound surrounding her sense of abandonment and the difficulties and reasons which are related to this sense of abandonment. The difficulties which will follow such a sense of unwantedness. Even confusion about this sense of abandonment and loss. This perceived abandonment via adoption (other by day-care for many years) and belief that "I was given away. I wasn't wanted" and "work was more important" always the big WHY?

Fear of abandonment by one's parents or loved one is one of the most primal of fears because without the care and protection and assurance of one's parents then life was/is in danger, or more for the human person, emotionally stunting.

The pain felt due to perceived abandonment is overwhelming right from childhood and leaves an indelible mark for the rest of life. The sense of rejection felt by one who feels abandoned is deeply life affecting. Abandonment leave an imprint which then leads to self-sabotage in all of one's life endeavours.

This is not in any way to malign adoptive parents or carers who in most/all cases have loved dearly their adoptive child/children and carers genuinely cared for their charges. Its not related to that but its related to an echo of a memory of a different heartbeat and voice heard whilst in the womb. It's related to an echo of a long-ago dialogue between mother and her baby in womb.

As I have said many times in many writings from the moment of conception there is a dialogue between the mother and her baby. The know one another so that by the time of birth a child knows not only heartbeat, but voice, but all manner intimacy between both of them and when this is absent all that is left is a memory of the relationship and the absence or loss of this echo is paralysing and when there is an understanding of the event is deeply wounding and seizes what should have been normal emotional development. Betrayal felt. Shame felt. "Unwantedness factor experienced". Can these be recognised in the post abortive woman? Yes, and recognised wherever there is abandonment and neglect and abuse.

As I have said it has nothing to do with the love and care and nurture of adoptive parents or carers but it has to do with a memory, an echo, a knowing that another bore him/her and as much as adoptive parents maybe/are loved and loving and adored, that echo, that memory taunts.

Abandonment can also mean loss of anyone through death and heart pain of broken relationship, all manner of pain which involves the inner "I" feeling left behind by someone of great importance to him/her.



It can also mean early childhood abuse, where trust is lost. In this there is the abandonment by abuser of their sacred role of nurturing a child into growth and rather introducing terror. It can be a violence where a barrier is breached. It can be neglect where the needs of a young one are not met because of intentionality but lack of own understanding and maturity. Many causes which leave a young one to feel abandoned and this abandonment forms the blueprint for their growth into maturity.

Other means of abandonment (as adults) can be repeated relationship failures which lead to separation hinting at something which says that stability is not possible. The ever-present fear of not being good enough and again being left behind.

Love relationships which terminate because “love has gone” or even “mum doesn’t love me and dad is too busy with his own life” engender a sense loss of esteem. A deeply felt loss of esteem.

Abandonment’s wounding can come from many different relationships and even circumstances.

Being abandoned or “dumped/discarded” (Marie) by someone important to one’s emotional wellbeing can open up early childhood wounds which have not been understood or dealt with or even overtly remembered and acknowledged.

Having felt unloved, uncared for, abandoned in early childhood will set the pattern for future behaviour of accepting any violence or ill treatment in order not to be abandoned again. Not to be invisible or lonely again. Not to be told that “you are not important-your brother/sister is” Not to be the least favoured because you are a girl and only boys matter. Not to be told you are not good looking “improve yourself”

To a child the need for protection, intimacy, nurture and care are foremost for their emotional development. When this stage of development (Erikson 5 stages of Development) is missing confusion is the outcome. There is a loss and a of sense of not being worthy and good and loved. And this goes for “self-love” and without first “self-acceptance and love” it’s difficult to extend that genuinely to others.

We always want and yearn for the affection of the other, the affection of the one who has abandoned us. This because of the need to find that lost memory/echo which speaks of being wanted by the one whose heartbeat is remembered. To be held in esteem, in value, especially by the one who has rejected and a reintegration into the life of the one rejecting is needed and of utmost importance.

Abandonment is a child’s very first felt fear. We see this when a mother goes out of sight of a child and the child becomes totally distressed. This is what we might call a primal fear. A fear embedded into our being and hardwired in our brain. It’s an important need not to be left forever alone. It’s a need for the child to have his/her security (mother) nearby because otherwise there is fear of being unwanted, or left behind. Abandonment is a deep fear that we will be left alone and no one will care for us. This fear is experienced by every child whose attachment is not secure.

Insecurity is abandonment being played out and deeply felt because there is a memory of an alone child and later adult who will do anything not to be left alone.

I suspect that this is the case in a domestic violence situation where a woman stays knowing that the violence will continue but having an innate knowledge of abandonment and never wanting to experience that again, she stays knowing that this is not good and even dangerous but there is that memory that won’t be merciful towards her and let her have enough strength to leave the violent relationship. Abandonment to her is worse.

In this situation there is even the desperate need to “feel loved” in order to know what being loved is all about. Indeed, this is where self-blame comes in. “What is wrong with me? Why can’t he love me, because if he could love me then he wouldn’t violent” “he wouldn’t say those awful things” “He wouldn’t do that to me” (Kelly).

The echo of the memory of early childhood emotional abandonment resurfaces every time that there is a crisis in a relationship and she or even he remains in the relationship so that abandonment won’t happen again.

What I have seen and understood is that abandonment of any kind (sexual abuse, emotional absence, neglect, relinquishing etc.) seizes development when a child first begins to have some understanding of emotions. I would say 6-7 years and onwards. And so a 6-7-8 year old grows into a mature body but has the emotional need of a young person and never moving out of this period and throughout life and adult life he/she appears adult but with emotional deficits due to real or imagined early childhood neglect and abandonment and its many losses including the loss of affection and this followed by other growing to adult losses.

The one experiencing abandonment issues does not see that the other is at fault or even negligent but sees herself/himself as being deserving of lack of love and care. As not being worthy enough to be loved and so with this schema all relationships are treated the same irrespective what is done to hurt and wound her. It’s “always my fault. I’m not loveable. If my mother/father couldn’t love me why should anyone else” (Marie). Her felt sense of undeservedness was her torment.

Children with deep abandonment issues and later as adults live with intense fears, doubts, insecurity and sense of failure and with each new failure or rejection, the self is more deeply wounded and confused and strengthens the self-belief of unworthiness.

It never occurs to a person with abandonment issues that the other maybe responsible for the failure of a relationship but feels that it is her fault because he/she is “unlovable”

Abandonment issues are not only the domain of females but males also experience deeply this emotion.

For the male who feels he was never been wanted or never been preferred over other siblings or felt treated differently than the other sibling/siblings then growing into teenage years and later into adulthood carries with it much baggage.

One of the most obvious behaviour which is damaging is persistent wrong choices both in dating and deeper relationships. John was constantly attracted to women who

# Letters

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Dear Anne,

Thank you for your last newsletter, which I read with great interest. I have registered to get future ones online to save you postage.

I went on a pro-life march in Adelaide which the Duke family mentioned in your letters, and was very impressed with the speakers. I wrote a letter to our health minister, our local member, and the attorney general, Vicky Chapman. (the first one I wrote back in 2019, when we first heard that a change was mooted) The other 2 were a bit busy with Covid-19 to answer so far, but I got quite a positive reply from Ms Chapman, where she said that she didn't agree with full-term abortion either, and was planning to bring it back to 24 weeks for any reason. As we've had abortion to 28 weeks in SA since 1969, I thought that this was at least a step in the right direction. As you may remember, I've been working in Midwifery and Child and Family nursing for many years **and so have seen the effects that abortion can have on the Mother's mental health, particularly.** When I was working in Western Victoria in 2017, we had a "**Family Planning Update**" day as part of our Professional Development, and were asked to set up medical abortion facilities run by nurses in the area. **Thankfully, we all said a resounding 'No'!** I don't know whether your readers understand the difference between medical and surgical abortion, but medical is a messy business, and would be decidedly unsafe in an isolated area, without taking into account all the other terrible side effects.

Please keep up the good work Anne, and may you be kept safe while you do it!

God Bless.  
Nan.... SA

Dear Nan,

Thank you for your letter. There are several points I would like to comment on.

First of all, thank you and your colleagues for the resounding NO to setting up abortion facility to be run by nurses. Well done. Very proud of you all for standing up against this monstrosity of anti-life and anti-children

Thank you also for writing to your members of parliament It's a very important part of the fight against this abortion mentality. Caesar should not be in charge of Life. This is God's domain. Whilst Ms Chapman is to be congratulated for wanting to reduce the gestational age for legal abortion from 28 weeks to 24 weeks, it's still the same baby who is being aborted at 24 weeks and 28 weeks.

*As a nurse you know that babies born prematurely at 24 weeks have been known to survive. This when parents want their baby to be given all help and support to survive.*

*We mustn't settle for what appears to be a positive and is not.*

*Ms Chapman (bless her) may think that it's a good thing but maybe she should be assisted to know that babies born at the gestational ages she's suggested can be assisted to live. At this stage it is technically "infanticide" because even outside the womb, with help the infant can live, so killing it in utero is same as killing outside the womb.*

*And thirdly, I hope that my readership knows the difference between a surgical abortion and a chemical abortion. But still both are abortions and both cause the baby enormous pain in the process of dying.*

*Both ways of the procuring the abortion are disastrous to baby, mental health of the woman and male. If not immediately then at a time in future even into old age and preparation for own demise.*

*The psychological pain is a pain unlike any other. It haunts a mother for all her days. She remembers her rejected motherhood and rejected mothering. The only other pain coming close to this is pain that a mother feels is when her child suicides. (I know) There is pain which cannot even be described. I've experienced both kinds and whilst different manner of dying the pain is very very similar. No words can adequately describe it.*

*Dear Nan, again thank you for your kind donation and purchase of the two books this helps me to keep going.*

*God bless you and your loved ones and thank you for all you do for life.*

God bless  
Anne

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*Dear Ann S (Vic) Just a short note to say thank you for sharing your story (not for publishing) and your pain and thank you for your kind donation towards the empty "biscuit tin"*

*Its been a difficult couple of months so I hope that sooner rather than later things will starting returning to normal. There is so much insecurity in life and work and outcome so we ask God to please help us not only in our present difficulties but in defeating this monster called abortion. I very much acknowledge your efforts in this area.*

God bless,  
Anne L.

seemed to him to be above his level of worth, but they appeared to like him so he continued, only to realise that the choice had been because they might be able to give him (or his inner little boy) the attention and love and care he needed and which was denied him by both of his parents. He was looking for little boy love and not adult man love and an adult male functioning as a young boy ensured that relationships were unequal and generally doomed.

He was looking for adult male love but with the emotions of a 7-year-old boy who wanted to hear that he is wanted, loved, appreciated but these words never came and hence he has been looking for the words absent in his early life to take into his life of maturity.

For a child to feel (real or imagined) unwanted, unloved, unappreciated, neglected especially in the emotional area is devastating because there is also the absence of language and expression. Even simply not being able to express how they feel.

At times I worry for the young of today who are placed in day-care facilities (good as they are) and their sense of abandonment becoming deeply embedded so that as age and maturity of body occur the inner child is still asking the question “why did I have to go to that place? Where were my mummy and daddy? I didn’t want to go there every day” I wonder if the acting out we see in the young and even violence in very young is connected to abandonment issues, and still governments pouring more and more monies for more day-care centres so that women can go to work and their children brought up by strangers and eventually these children are strangers to their own parents and their parents strangers to them.

What can be abandonment issue of the children. Imagine a 12-month-old child being left in the hands and care of strangers for years and then we wonder what went wrong. The voice of authority in his/her growing was not mum or dad but strangers who looked after him/her and then returned them just in time for dinner and bed and later when voice of authority needed not present to exert that authority.

I would like to explain why I have spoken much about abandonment issues and tie this to abortion. My new clients, as I said, came to me re abortion issues but for some reason I had a feeling that there were other more important wounds before abortions and which may have led to the abortions.

What led to this “lightbulb” moment in my trying to work out what might be the deeper problem and looking back through my notes it occurred to me that the several words I heard many times were “why couldn’t my mother love me? She loves my other brothers and sister but not me. I don’t remember her ever loving me and treating me like them. She’s even said she doesn’t like me. She won’t even call me or lunch with me. I just want my mother to love me” (Marie)

*And so here we have the answer.*

Abandonment by the most important and primary parent. Abandonment by the one in whose body she had lain in and whose heartbeat she’d heard for 9 months. Abandonment by the one who should have loved her most and if she couldn’t love her then (Marie) must be unlovable. These new clients are suffering from a deep emotional hunger which she/they sought to assuage through relationships even if they were wrong relationships and knew it.

And true to form her choice of relationships has been not good. She chooses partners who would not be around long and in three different cases drove her to the abortion facility.

we have discussed her fear of being alone forever (she’s very beautiful and young 26 years so I don’t see that happening) but a slight break through has already happened even after 7 sessions. She has understood that she wants to get to the root of what is the problem and why she makes wrong choices, and I totally agree with her.

When she understood that I knew that we were making some headway.

Regarding the abortions I don’t think it’s possible to deal with those until we have first looked at early life experiences and how to cope with and integrate into these into her personal history and be able to accept herself as worthy and worthwhile and loveable just for who she is and after this has been worked through then the abortions will be dealt with because then a mature woman will understand what happened and not a child looking at the awful which happened and refusing to let go.

I have a suspicion that she’s had abortions partly because of wrong choice of partners but also her own fear of her possible abandonment of the children if she kept them and how they would suffer just as she has suffered because of her sense of abandonment and of her feeling unwanted and unloved by birth mother.

I have great hope for her recovery.

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Dear friends I had wanted to write more but as you can see out of space so please can I encourage your prayers for my clients and me as my back continues to hurt much and please pray for my clients I’m trying to counsel all including those in Melbourne and 4 here in Perth and please can I encourage \$\$\$ support. I know that this is a hard time for all and much hard for me as expenses for running of office and newsletter and writing continue.

Thank you to those who responded from last newsletter. Till we meet again may God bless you abundantly and please stay safe is non discerning.



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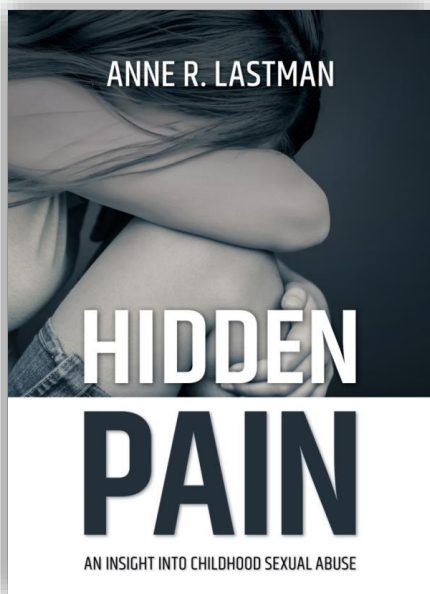
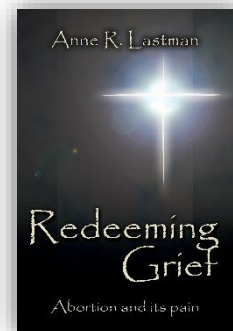
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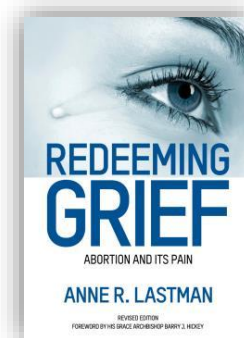
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