

# Broken Branches

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

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## The Truth about Abortion (see right)

Recently it was reported in LifeNews that there were **766** babies born alive in Canada after failed abortions and were left to die. As I looked at the image of an infant curled in a fetal position I was left with strong chest pains.

What has happened to all of us that we have allowed this to happen? What has happened to all of us as a society that images like this do not bring a roar of rage? What has happened to us that we can chain ourselves to a tree to save it but full grown viable infants with skin burned through abortion procedure yet born alive and then left to die.

Why can't we fill up five football stadiums (100,000 minimum each) of people roaring against this horror?

What has happened to doctors and nurses who actually perform these procedures? Have feminists who actually hate women and children and society achieved everything that they desired to do? Or is there still more to come? What and how have feminists helped their “sisters?” or perhaps they have condemned their sisters to a lifetime of confusion and pain and a seeking for something lost. Today we have given to Caesar all rights over life. Rights over abortion. Rights over Euthanasia, rights over marriage, rights over speech, even rights over religion.

And I am left to ask have we been abandoned. Are we children of a Father who has abandoned His children? Even his wayward children. This image of that infant has moved me so deeply that I feel like I want to give up and move away from any of this horror. I have worked so hard to try and stop this. To heal woman so she can turn again towards her baby and yet this is what is now happening?

Trees hugged to protect them. Seals, sharks, whales, done all to save them but human babies have this done to them? I usually don't like to show images like this. I like images of happy babies we have helped to save but this image shook me to the core of my being. This is a baby. Clearly visible baby. A baby which if helped could live. The tears and sense of shame and failure is strong.

Twenty two years ago when I first started this ministry twelve weeks was the abortion limit. Various protections were in place. It took twenty years to go to legal, demand and outright killing of human babies? Infanticide. Do we next kill a child because it cries too much, it looks like its mother/father too much. Or maybe because it's inconvenient after all, so go to the human abattoir and have it killed all on the say-so of the woman?

*“Woman what is this you done” (Gen3:13)*



*Image from Lifeneews*

How has it been possible that in twenty two years during my tenure in this work we have gone from whispers about abortion to abortion of fully developed children? And this without much of a murmur?

How much have we emotionally declined so that seeing an infant struggling to breathe we have no compassion? How is this possible that the men and women have become so robotic that we have no humanity/ empathy left?

How have we become so remote from the dignity we are meant to have as men and women? How have we become so remote from humanity that we cannot see the innocence, pure dignity, and pure design of such an infant and not be moved to horror and outrage and demands that butchers who do this be removed from the face of the earth? From their jobs. From their freedom?

How is it possible that we have a media which fails to report this and is not scandalized and horrified and the readers not rise up against the monstrosity? How is it possible?

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## 125 Women Take Abortion Pills to Kill Their Babies to Protest Pro-Life Laws

In another baby killing exercise and a show of deadly determination and defiance 125 women in South Korea, publically and openly swallowed abortion drugs in protest of the country's anti-abortion laws. To date abortion is illegal in South Korea except for the usually claimed crimes e.g. rape, incest, disability or safety of woman.

In August 2018, doctors even protested in opposition of tougher abortion restrictions. So it seems the country's medicos are also pro-abortion even as their Western comrades are.

It further appears that according to the Korean Obstetricians & Gynecologists about 3000 abortions a day are carried out. Imagine approximately another over 1.2, 000,000 babies per year are killed because they are not wanted.

What happened to the work of Gynecologists and Obstetricians who studied to help women and babies to live and be born and for women and babies to be safe?

We are told that the protest took place in Seoul, South Korea a place I had not heard much in relation to abortion and the feminist group Femidangdang was behind the protest, and according to the report a further 30 women took vitamins so that authorities would not be able to tell which women took the illegal abortion drug Mifegyne which is still illegal there and which took the vitamins.

These protestors wore black. I wonder if these were for mourning for their losses or mourning for the death of their babies or even as a sign of demand of their "rights" because they demanded that the government legalize the killing of unborn babies. The pro-abortion group Femidangdang stated 125 women kill their unborn babies illegally (Mifegyne) every day in South Korea.

The women said that "abortion is not taboo or sin" and that society punishes women by linking abortion to promiscuity and single women. Well if it's not part of the promiscuous lifestyle why would there be a need for abortion? And why do so many single women need abortions? (Though not discounting married women who also commit these horrors).

"Abortion is the most commonly performed surgery in the world and normal women choose to get abortions for various reasons," continued the activists. *The usual feminist mantra.*

"Being able to get an abortion is a basic right for women." (the *feminist mantra* about right of woman to a dead baby)

The group also urged the government to make abortion drugs legal and easily available. *Not only a demand for legal abortion but a demand that taxpayers pay for their perfidy/treachery.*

Abortion activists with the help of international feminist organizations have been pushing to repeal South Korea's ban on abortions in response to the rising number of single mothers in their society. In February the abortion activists petitioned their government calling for legalized abortion on demand, which would then place them same as nearly all major countries.

Currently, abortions are illegal in South Korea except in cases of rape, incest, severe genetic disorders or risks to the mother's health. The usual reasons given for abortion globally. What we know as the hard cases.

Even with the strong and concerted campaigning against the pro-life law, South Korea has at the same time experienced an increase in pro-life activism. It held its first annual pro-life March in 2012 and is pushing to remove all exceptions (hard cases) for abortions and restore protections for all unborn babies. (Please God they can do this).

Pro-lifers in South Korea have also lobbied their government to install nation-wide baby boxes, to combat the widespread problem of infant abandonment. A fabulous idea. Better than abortion.

When we pray please pray for the young in South Korea, for their Government to hold firm and to perhaps show other pro-abortion nations that it's possible for a government to assiduously be pro-life and pro-family. And to be able to fight the scourge called feminazzi.

## Drought in Australia

Australian media has recently brought to our attention the horrific conditions which are being experienced by our Australian farmers.

It's an indictment against us and the poor esteem in which we and our government hold our farmers and their sacrificial service to the Australian people.

We hear of the high cost and toll these conditions take on the farmers and at times to the ultimate escape, suicide. We hear of

the mental health issues of these Australians who are the backbone of our produce are experiencing.

I am so much thinking about the abandonment and even surrender that these people feel to resort to suicide because they cannot see a future and end to their plight and the sufferings of their families. Why am I interested in this topic? Because farmer's wives abort babies not because they want to or have a need to assert their feminist self but because "we couldn't afford one more mouth to feed" and after the abortion the guilt and despair felt because "I killed my baby"

This particular story made me really angry. Because these people work long and hard days for no return (we might call this slave labour) to even "feed one more mouth". There is an injustice here somewhere.

I am appalled that Australia gives millions upon millions to overseas aid (some to control fertility) and yet same government cannot come to the full rescue of those who work to put produce into our households and revenue for Australia.

My biggest angst is related to the dairy industry. I know that they are the hardest working people in our land (words from a mouth) and yet have not only poor income but at times no income for their efforts and when there is some sort of income in come the banks with both hands out making reserves for a time of need impossible.

So I need to ask "who is making money? Not dairy farmers or other industry farmers so who is making money for second holiday house and yacht? Shareholders no doubt. Big business no doubt. More for those who have too much no doubt.

How is it possible that we the consumer can buy 2 litres of milk for \$2 from

Coles, Woollies, IGA, Aldi all the big supermarkets, which is so much less than a small bottle of water and less than a daily newspaper which is then disposed within a few hours?

How can a dairy farmer make sufficient to maintain and feed a family when large supermarkets can sell the milk for such pittance, for virtually nothing in order to bring in more business?

Fabulous for the consumer but what about the producer? What is the lunacy of these supermarket chains who are exploiting these farmers in order to get more greedy consumers willing to come in and spend more and line the pockets of shareholders whilst producers think thoughts of suicide? And wives look to abortions "because we cannot afford another mouth to feed" And we are the supposed "lucky" nation? We should ask our farmers if they feel lucky.

Personally I am going to stop buying the \$2 special and look for milk which gives back to farmers something. I may only be a little fish in a huge pond but if enough little fish did the same then we'd soon have a massive shoal. Or shop somewhere, where Australian producers are helped. Or support anyone collecting for our farmers.

We hear commercials saying "we support Australian" at what cost? Is it a fair cost for their produce or just a huge hype to show how great we are or to maybe pay "stars" to do the ads?

It costs me very little to buy a different milk than the \$2 special but it might do good thing if I can find a milk which helps dairy farmer/s and help a mother and father feed well their children and a mother not to have to decide to abort because of the extra money not there to feed the extra child.

The farmers are not statistics or even responsible for weather conditions. They are real people who struggle to cope with the vagaries of Australian weather conditions and farming life. What a great tragedy that our politicians and government are so busy protecting their hundreds of thousands dollar jobs and closing their eyes to the suffering of their Australian mates. Farmers.

What a pity our leaders have not looked at the situation and said "NO MORE this will not continue" as is the wont to happen in other countries and then take a leaf from countries like USA who treasure their producers as valuable contributors to American life,

and then recognise and help our own to ensure their continuance and to show them how much they are valued.

## Death Penalty

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith: Letter to the Bishops regarding the new revision of number 2267 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the death penalty, 01-08-2018.

In recent developments the Catholic Church's teaching on the death penalty has been changed much to dissension amongst some Catholics.

My personal belief has always been that the death penalty is always wrong and against the "thou shalt not kill" and this further confirmed by the teachings of

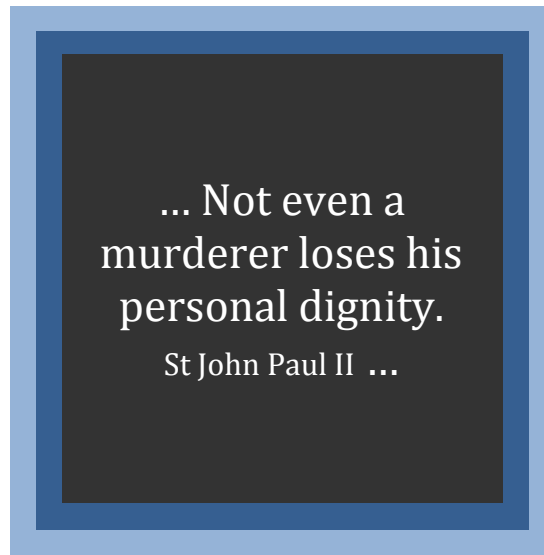
John Paul II who wrote in his Encyclical Evangelium Vitae "Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, and God himself pledges to guarantee this." ...

These words I found profound. These are the words of holiness.

Personally I could not or cannot justify working to save the life of a newly created infant the size of a pin head then a grain of rice and then say that killing another human is legally acceptable. We are doing no different than the abortionist or those who call for abortion and demand the death penalty for the baby which implanted in a womb where it was unwanted.

The Holy Father Pope Francis has looked with profound hope at the signs for a new culture of life and the "growing public opposition to the death penalty, even when such a penalty is seen as a kind of 'legitimate defence'" Today we live in a time where it is possible that those who have committed heinous crimes can be held humanely till life's end and thus protect society and no necessity for the legal killing of another human. This also gives the person a chance if not to be freed to reverse his/her life story and change for the eternal.

The OT speaks much about "Life" and its source who is God and that Life is His domain. Not our intentional law. We commit the same murder as the felon committed in the first place, except we



call it legal. Jesus finished with the *Lex Talionis* principle and instituted forgiveness.

The teaching of *Evangelium Vitae* was then included in Catechism of the Catholic Church.

John Paul II also intervened on occasions against the death penalty, appealing both to respect for the dignity of the person as well as to say that today's society possesses secure measures to defend itself from criminals and in His Christmas Message of 1998, he wished "the world the consensus concerning the need for urgent and adequate measures ... to end the death penalty." The commitment to the abolition of the death penalty was continued with the subsequent Popes Benedict XVI who recalled "the attention of society's leaders to the need to make every effort to eliminate the death penalty." ...

And finally His Holiness Pope Francis went one step further in his capacity as Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, the Vicar of Christ, together with Bishops in communion with him and changed the previous teaching of the death sentence.

The new text reads "The church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide,"

This means that death penalty is always "inadmissible" because it violates human dignity in its image designed in the image of God. And for me it's the same human dignity which we believe that a tiny pre born infant has, by being a child of God and is always endowed with it. Dignity is never lost or traded like a mess of pottage.

This I know will and has upset many people especially those who have lost a loved one to violence but it is important to remember that that criminal was also designed in God's image but somewhere along the line a very wrong road was taken which led to a life squandered.

## Self-care

Dear friends, I can't remember where (I think maybe on Facebook) I saw an idiotic small group of young misses holding up a banner which said self-care abort your baby? What an idiotic comment. A woman self-cares by aborting her baby? How is this self-care? She takes her baby to die and she self-cares?

How is she going to self-care when the guilt, the grief, the self-condemnation, the broken and painful sleep because of nightmares, because she hears her baby calling her? "Mummy". How is she self-caring when she starts self-medicating so she can sort of look after her family. How will she self-care when she starts prescription drugs, illegal substances, alcohol, how will she self-care in the afternoon and evening of her life when the family has grown up and left and she cannot stop the memory and is afraid because "my baby will hate me, God hates me."

How will the woman self-care?  
What lies, what slavery she has signed up for?

The behemoth which is the abortion and its lobby who have intently set out to change the woman and her very real design and convinced her that she is better off killing her child/children have not enhanced her life but indeed have taught her how to accept the grossest of abuse and then to try and "self-care"

Those who have set out to change the woman from bearer of the future to an abrupt ending with her, of a future, have created a monstrous image of woman. From one who was always the "mother of living" to "mother of death."

I watch intently as each state in Australia and each nation falls to this LIE and wonder how it will stop. How is society being held up with this evil in our midst? Is it the ten people of Abraham? (Gen.18-22). It must be these who are the hope of our society otherwise surely the wrath of God would be seen.

## Global Sexual Abuse Saga

As I watch the unfolding sexual abuse saga including our own in Australia I am again thinking of the breakdown in society. Most of the percentage of abuse is termed "historical" which means events happened many decades ago, and yet today there is demand to call out both perpetrators and their times and it seems to me that the Catholic Church is being made the scapegoat. The one who will be made an example of.

Whilst, dear friends you know I deal with this trauma and have written extensively on this matter, I sense a greater agenda in the goings on at this particular time.

Sexual abuse of children must be eliminated but it must be eliminated at all points beginning with the family, friends, schools, social groups, child groups, churches, temples, Mosques, synagogues. At all levels. To point all fingers at Catholic Church to me seems a concerted attack against the church and its beliefs and liturgical processes.

Yes sexual abuse must be eliminated because what this particular abuse does is to self-perpetuate into the next generation and the next until there comes a time when in each generation a member of that generation will demand that it stops. One of those generations is now and rightly so.

This is a wound similar to abortion. The similarities are astonishing the only real differences are the populations involved in which these abominations are carried out. Otherwise the wounds are very very similar and seeing this, it is my belief that sexual abuse by an adult or older individual than the victim is related to a desire for a return to innocence. To a wounded self-innocence and a hope to regain the lost innocence. One could say that this is sought in a perverted way (at times even a wicked way) a seeking of lost innocence is so overwhelming that all morality is over ridden just to experience once again that lost innocence.

This of course then leads to feelings of loss of worthiness and loss of esteem for self and children and others and loss of moral compass.

Addictions lead to loss of self and loss of all that has been taught during the years of growth so much so that only fulfilling of that terrible need (e.g. drugs, alcohol, gambling, and sex) overrides the emotionality of the person/perpetrator and the empathy inherent in human person which feels for the other. Like abortion, lack of empathy for the child, sexual abuse has lack of empathy for the victim has become lost in the morass of confusion and pain, and self-dishonour.

As I look at the ever widening stories of sexual abuse not only by religious of all denominations but family structures, friendships, work related structures, the overriding thread seems to me to be related to loss of respect for intimacy /sex.

It occurred to me recently whilst travelling on train into the office in the city that the meaning of sexuality has been so demeaned that it is no wonder that we are seeing abortions in the known dimensions and wanton sexuality and sexual abuse.

What brought about this “lightbulb moment?” Listening to a group of young secondary school children (boys) using the “f...” word every second other word that they used. Not just one or two boys but all of them as they spoke their piece. It seemed normal to them.

Later that day I was having coffee in a coffee shop and again the same was heard. Perhaps I began to notice it more but in that coffee shop four young misses were doing the same whilst speaking about a particular boyfriend. This surprised me. I wasn't so surprised with hearing the young “gentlemen” but I was surprised to hear the young misses do same.

As I've become more and more aware I now notice its use and this leads to me thinking “could this be the reason why so much abortion? Why so much sexual abuse, rapes, wounds against the intimacy of a human person?” I wondered if this word “f...” is used so wantonly then surely when it comes to actual love and intimacy it surely by then must have lost its mystery.

I have over many years spoken about the language that pro aborts and even we ourselves (as pro-lifers speakers and writers) have fallen into the trap of using. Abortion. Imageless. We also use imageless language so that we all perpetuate a bland image of tissue, foetus, and conceptus. Words that do not immediately bring to mind the reality of what we really mean “baby” This so much so that we have helped desensitise society who no longer stops and thinks “a baby is being killed” But it's an abortion.

It occurred to me that the language that is spoken/used by the young is doing the same. I've listened to our young people around and this is so. I asked why is this that young people speak like this and the response was “it doesn't mean anything is just words” and this is my point, “it's just words” But it isn't just words, these “just words” used in huge numbers blunts the psychology of the young ones. They overwhelmingly hear this word and what this word means and in time there is a subliminal change in their understanding of intimacy and sexuality and a loss of respect and reverence.

How tragic it is that both areas of forms of abuse, abortion, and sexual abuse all touch the area of sacredness, intimacy and life. And I find it interesting that the change of language both in the abortion issue and loosening of sexuality are affected by words and have emerged strongly in these times of rampant sexuality, rampant abortion and rampant intimacy abuse.

Of course other factors have been involved e.g. drug culture, contraception, abortion, breakdown of family and of course the language we use to express our modern thought.

## Painfully wounded....Me

Dear friends, it has recently been brought to my attention something which is so horrible that it has left me stunned and I must admit to not knowing quite what to do about it.

Not regularly or really rarely checking out google for things written about me, it was brought to my attention by a reader of this newsletter (thank you Jerry) that under the name of Victims of Abortion Trauma Counselling & Info Services (me) the very first entry is an advert by Marie Stopes International. This paid ad listed their services and addresses where abortions of babies could be done.

Also under this heading other counsellors have hopped on offering counselling services, health channel, other ads within the list by Marie Stopes Int. /children by choice ads, women's info services, reproductive rights page, Wikipedia on abortion, Domestic Violence pages, Royal Women's Hospital, etc etc etc. Goes on and on. Now I don't quite know what to do with this because my name as VOA Trauma Counselling and Info services has been registered for 22 years. So I don't know how this can happen. Why is google permitting others' business names to come under my registered name?

Then I looked under Victims of Abortion a shortened version and there again “safe terminations in Sydney CBD clinic. Followed by rape crisis and make abortion legal, genital mutilation stories, Safe abortions (again) Fertility control clinic promoting high quality safe abortions etc etc etc.

Then I looked under Anne Lastman and the first entry is an office I used about 8-10 years ago clearly displaying office “permanently closed” (which explains why I have been told “I thought you weren't doing this anymore” or even “I thought you were closed”

Another entry that is so ugly I felt sick, Pope Crimes and Vatican evils and directed at me and with me as lead story. University of Calgary. Etc etc. etc.

I asked around and was told that the ads above my name are paid ads especially the pro-abortion ones and there is not much I can do only if google wants to remove them.

I can't do anything because I can't afford it but it seems to me that Marie Stopes International (abortion providers around the world) and other abortion facilities must have found me and my writings damaging to them to put paid advertisements above my business name and it seems that google is OK with this.

I also found it disturbing that other counsellors found it important to put their ads under my name. These are my colleagues. I will speak to my Counselling Assoc. over this.

Sufficeth to say I have found this very disturbing and I am still reeling from this. I'm sure when I last checked over a year ago none of this was there.

It also explains why over the last year not one person has said that they found me via google whereas in the past many said that they had googled post abortion pain and came to me.

I don't know what I can do about this, but I will try.

# Letters

Dear Anne,

This Newsletter must surely hit home to a myriad of people!

I just know it hit home, and made me cry.  
I guess a lot of people experience this abandonment in our lives, albeit in different ways.

I have always had this “feeling” that I don’t have the capacity to truly love anyone (Partners/boyfriends), and have always, as an adult put it down to being young. But no matter how I dressed it up or even tried, I could not love my husband as he needed and deserved to be loved. The only time I can honestly say I understood an undying love was when the kids were born, yes I know how much I love the kids!  
But reading your article clarified a lot. Maybe that’s why I have trouble trusting God as a loving father, sometimes. (Next... personal message for me).  
I hope your move is going smoothly, and can’t wait till you get here

Love,  
Cathy

*Dear Cathy, so lovely to hear from you. Glad you found the newsletter important and good. That’s my aim. You are very fortunate in knowing how to love the children there are some who cannot and they miss out on such much.  
As for God as our loving Father that’s also a concept that is hard to understand and grab hold of too.  
I understand he is Jesus’ father but hard to see him as my father. We’ll talk in the future.  
Keep well. And bless you.  
Anne*

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Dear Anne,

Thank you for another fantastic Broken Branches. Always an excellent read. I love it!  
You speak the truth that a world doesn’t want to hear or know about.  
They’re utterly controlled or bullied by the media which has their own commandment.  
Thanks for your voice in the wilderness!  
A small donation to help  
God bless you Anne and praying for you and your loved ones.  
Love and prayers  
Trudy.

*Love and bless you Trudy. And thank you, you know what for Anne*

Dear Anne

I am so sorry to hear that you will be moving from Victoria to WA you will be missed here.  
Thank you for all that you have done, you have written you have taught us about abortion and sexual abuse. Your newsletter is the one I look forward to reading every time.  
Thank you and bless you and I do hope you will continue to write even from Western Australia.

God bless,  
Marie W. (Vic)

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Dear Anne,

I really want to let you know how much I have appreciated receiving your newsletters but at the same time I’m very sorry that you are moving from Melbourne but glad you will be an inspiration to the people of Perth as we have being the same here in Melbourne.  
It is obvious that Our Lord has blessed you with this special talent of writing books, and newsletters in a beautiful way.  
Thank you Anne for everything. I pray that Our Lord will continue to bless you with good health and strength of mind body and spirit.  
Yours sincerely  
Frances C.

*Dear Frances thank you for making contact it was lovely to hear from you. I’m hoping that I will learn how to be a grandmother because at the moment I don’t think I know how as I haven’t been in the 3 grandkids lives.  
I hope to keep going with this work once I settle the home and find an office in Perth so you haven’t got rid of me just yet. ☺  
Love Anne*

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Dear Anne,

Just a short note to say thank God for you and the work you’re doing for victims of abortion.  
I’m enclosing a donation for you to continue your work. It’s a small donation but I will try to continue helping you with this mission God has given to you (VOA)  
Sad to see you’re going to another state, it’s our loss and Perth’s gain. However I pray for you to have a good start there and I am sending up a novena of nine masses for the healing from your cancer and epilepsy and heavenly intervention to help with your work. With much love and prayers. Rita (Vic)

*Rita love ☺☺☺☺☺*

## How your help, helps.

Dear Anne,

*Its Christine K. here, you might remember me I came for counselling with you about three years ago. I was a real mess when I came to you and was ready to do myself in. I remember our first meeting we did nothing but have coffee and chocolate biscuits and talked about just day to day things even though you knew why I came to see you. I appreciated this very much because I felt so ashamed of myself for what I had done and I was scared to start talking about my abortions, a recent one at the time and a much earlier one which I had never forgotten. Anyway, I ended up coming to you for over a year every week and slowly I started to first forgive myself once you explained why I had abortion and it wasn't all my fault. I loved naming my two babies (Simon and Kate) and we had a beautiful ceremony by Warrandyte National Park by flowing water. It was such a beautiful ceremony and I felt like I buried both of my children the proper way and not left their memory be lost in a bucket. I still have the occasional day off especially when I hear the name "Kate" or "Simon" and my mind wanders back to what might have been but you told me that this would happen most of my life and not to be afraid of it. To happily remember that these were my children and it's OK to remember them even with tears. My life has changed much since I last saw you. I got a job (boutique, now manager) I love and I can have beautiful clothes to wear and guess what? I have met a gorgeous man and we are now preparing to get engaged and hopefully within a year get married. He's so kind and lovely and loves me even when I told him about my abortions. I expected him to be so angry and walk away but he didn't instead he hugged me as I cried. We both hope to have a family as soon as possible. Anyway dear Anne, I just wanted to let you know how much your work with me has helped me. You told me that I would be happy again if I wanted to. And I did. And you also told me never to forget Simon and Kate but to look forward to having other siblings for them. And I hope to in the close future.*

*Thank you for your patience, kindness, love, and non-judgement especially when I felt so much judgement about me.*

*God bless you and your work dear Anne and thank you.*

*Love and best wishes*

*Chris.*

Dear friends I just wanted to share this letter which arrived several weeks ago. I must admit a tear ran down my face as I remember how pained she was and the many Tim Tams (chocolate biscuits) we shared.

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Dear friends, as I come to the end of this newsletter I want to thank the several readers who responded to my call for funds. Thank you to Tim, Collins, Giacomo, Fr Leo, Fr Anthony, Margaret several others who do not wish to be named. I need to say that I'm finding it difficult because the financial help has reduced to small handful especially after I said we were moving to Perth (West Aust) where I hope to reopen. However, the move is going to be a little later because I am still counselling 11 clients but also because we are so behind in the preparations for moving due my husband's fairly serious illness over the past 6 weeks and will be ongoing.

First he developed what was thought to be a bad strain of flu (in hospital nearly a week) then hospitalised another 9 days with something more serious Pulmonary embolism (Blood clots in lungs) He is still unable to move much due to breathlessness and dizziness and will need outpatient care for several months. It appears that he had quite a large clot in his lung and several in legs. Though he is now home he is still unwell and unable to do much.

We had hoped to be in Perth for Christmas all settled and house sorted out but I don't see this happening now till at least January. This also helps me to complete my work here and see through all my clients.

I haven't said this for some time but the biscuit tin is really empty, and I would love it very much if you would consider purchasing 1 or 10, or 100, ☺ books Redeeming Grief, and Hidden Pain.

This would help me so much.

Thank you again to those who helped. And I will be writing next newsletter as usual.

So till we meet again  
God bless your life.



**Anne Lastman**

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## Broken Branches – By email!

Dear Friends,

Please email me at [anne@victimsofabortion.com.au](mailto:anne@victimsofabortion.com.au) to be added to the email list.



# REDEEMING GRIEF

NEW REVISED EDITION!

**REDEEMING GRIEF** is a reflection of over 17 years of counselling and study of abortion grief, which is experienced by some women who choose to undergo this elective procedure. These reflections are the result of listening to over 1500 personal stories and listening to the expressions used by the women as they speak about their decision to abort the life of their child. These reflections then attempt to reconstruct the meaning that this procedure has

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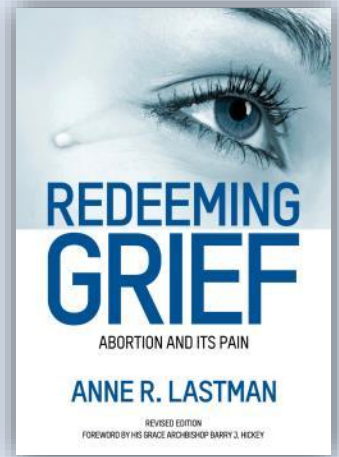
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