

4 STEPS FOR PASTORS.....

to begin.....
abortion recovery
IN THE CHURCH!!

**1. AWARENESS
SERVICE**

**2. FORGIVENESS
SERVICE**

**3. MEMORIAL
SERVICE**

**4. YOUR
PLAN**

A thoughtful & empowering guide to invite and equip pastors to break through the barrier of shame that separates those hurting after abortion from the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.



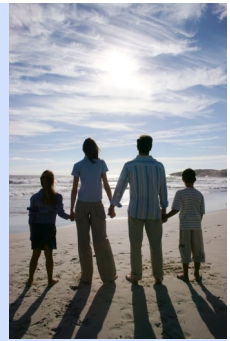
Resources

Elliott Institute
afterabortion.org
(Research on Abortion)

**National Helpline for
Abortion Recovery**
866.482.LIFE
www.nationalhelpline.org

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PASTOR'S GUIDE TO HEAL OUR NATION!



Abortion Hurts Women, Men & Families

1 out of 4 American women will have an abortion by age 45. At 45 yrs. of age or older, the number rises to 43% or almost 1 out of 2. Millions are hurting and Pastors can help by following this simple guide.

(statistical source: Guttmacher.org)

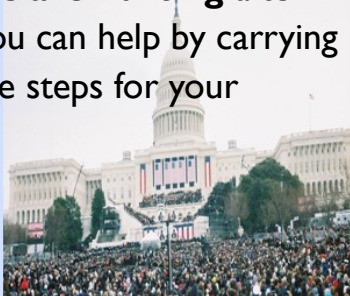
Many Christians who are hurting after abortion feel as if God can forgive all sins, except abortion.

“I know. I was there.....

I felt as if the church would be ashamed of me if they knew. So I sat in silence....” Millie

Acts, Chapter 9—Ananias went to Saul and prayed with him. Saul received his sight and the scales fell from Saul’s eyes. **The grace and love of Jesus Christ is compelling the church to be the Ananias** in our day so those hurting after an abortion can be fully restored into the body of Christ and carry out the Lord’s plan for their lives. Those hurting after abortion can break the silence of shame and help others do the same.

Pastors.....please become broken before the Lord on behalf of our nation. **Millions are hurting** after abortion and you can help by carrying out these simple steps for your congregation.



1. AWARENESS SERVICE

This is a service to provide awareness of the need for healing after abortion. The pastor may invite someone to give a personal testimony about their abortion experience and the love of God’s grace and truth. If you do not have anyone in your congregation willing to share, the **National Helpline for Abortion Recovery** can help. **Call 866.482.LIFE.** The pastor may show a video of others giving testimonies so the congregation can grasp the overwhelming need for recovery and see the hope for healing through Christ’s shed blood and resurrection power. The pastor offers resources for recovery.

2. FORGIVENESS SERVICE

This is a service on forgiveness. The pastor may preach on forgiveness to give those hurting after an abortion an opportunity to receive forgiveness from God, self and others. Those hurting may remain anonymous but be touched in their hearts and minds. **As the body of Christ extends forgiveness, God will heal hurting hearts.** Also when those who have not had an abortion forgive those who have, God will heal on both sides of the shame.

3. MEMORIAL SERVICE

This is a service where flowers or candles are used to remember the babies who have died from abortion – a corporate time for the church to memorialize the **personhood of the babies.** There will be those sitting on the pews who have been in denial by thinking “it was just a blob of tissue”. The hurting can remain anonymous as the pastor encourages the entire church to participate by placing a flower or lighting a candle.

4. YOUR PLAN

The steps in this guide offer hope for healing to those hurting after abortion. Also, the hurting can be offered a Bible study specifically for abortion recovery. These are available throughout the U.S. (Call the National Helpline for referrals). These initial steps taken by the pastor are important for those hurting to feel safe enough to seek help. After the hurting heal from the shame and pain of abortion, they may want to share their story in a testimony. Then **II Cor. 1:3** becomes a reality. Those who are comforted will help comfort others who are hurting. Thus, the process continues as your church impacts this new mission field.

PASTOR, WHAT IS YOUR PLAN?