Broken From Silence

Bridge Builders

WHY IT MATTERS

Creating a Church Culture of Truth, Compassion, and Restoring Wholeness
Abortion is often discussed as a cultural, political, or moral issue. But within the church, it is also a deeply personal issue.

Women and men in our congregations may carry hidden pain connected to an abortion experience. Some live with grief, regret, anger, fear, shame, or unresolved questions. Others may be affected as fathers, grandparents, siblings, friends, or family members. Many have never shared their story—not because they do not need help, but because they do not know whether the church is a safe place to bring it.

The good news is that Jesus Christ meets people in their brokenness with both truth and grace. The church does not need to minimize the reality of sin in order to extend compassion. Nor must it withhold compassion in order to stand firmly for the value of human life. Jesus is "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). As His people, we are called to reflect His heart by speaking truth in love, restoring gently, and carrying one another's burdens.

"Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."
Ephesians 4:15

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
Psalm 34:18

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2