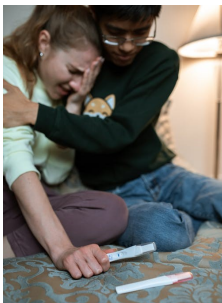




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A Life-Changing View

Graduating High School, going to college, marrying your best friend, the passing of a family member, giving yourself over to the Lord. All of these milestones are life-changing events. And, for most of us, finding out we are going to be parents for the first time is an amazing and thrilling life-changing experience.



But, for some of our patients that walk through our doors, this is a very scary and mind-numbing time.

These ladies don't know what to do, they have no support (or very little), they feel they can not support themselves (let alone a child), they're in an abusive relationship, they already have many children and feel they can't support another, or they have been listening to the world telling them they don't need this right now. Go ahead and abort because it's just a clump of cells.

I do not trivialize these reasons at all. They are important situations these ladies are going through. But our job at Eden Clinic is to have these women stop and take a step back from what is seemingly a "crisis," to educate them on the resources that are available to them for their individual circumstance, to make sure they know what the risks and alternative to abortion, to have them go into their decision with their eyes wide open, knowing all aspects of that decision. Most of the time, that's all that needs to take place...TIME. Time to research resources, time to talk with family and friends, time to look at what life will be like with a child.

The use of the ultrasound is one of the most vital resources we have at Eden. Just last week, I talked with a young woman who has six children at home and she was wanting information on abortion because she was pregnant with number seven. She told me she didn't really want to abort but she felt her body couldn't go through another pregnancy. We discussed her specific situation and realized she might need a high-risk doctor that could give her a little more attention to her than she had before. Just the thought of talking out her options helped her a

lot. We did an ultrasound and realized she was further along than she had anticipated. She saw her baby moving around. She heard the baby's heartbeat, she was able to see details of her baby that she didn't think had formed, yet. Right then and there she changed her mind. She is now preparing to parent her seventh child and will be blessed beyond all measure for doing so.



The ultrasound is one of the most important aspects of our mission for the women who come to our clinic seeking information on abortion. Each time I visit with an abortion-minded woman/girl, I pray for the Lord to guide my words so they can see their child on the screen has value. Most of the time this is life-changing for them.

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