

Dear Sister,

I pray that you will let this music will minister to you and wash you in God's love for you. I also pray that you seek Godly counsel. There are others who have stood where you are today and will be honest with you. Many women still live in shame, fear, denial. (Remember the story of David and Bathsheba... instead of being honest about his first sin David made the situation worse by having Uriah killed which led to his decline as king because of his own guilt.) Many will tell you that it doesn't have to be that way. There are those who have honestly looked at the reality of their choice and have come to terms with it with the help and by the grace of God. It is my prayer that you will seek the counsel of such women and listen to their advice from the other side of their decisions.

In the short term it seems that your problems will be over, or at least no one will know about them. No one will know. It will be private. But in the long term you will always know and never forget. God sees, He is with you, He grieves with you, He also calls you to turn it around and do His will.

God is light; in him there is not darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7

In the short term your family and friends might be disappointed, hurt, judgmental. But in the long term you will know that you faced your difficult situation, did the hard thing, and got through it and are stronger because of it. Your family will have to deal with their own feelings and thoughts and dreams for you and your life. Some sin can be seen by all; some sin is secret. But it is all sin. No one has a right to stand in judgment (for ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus, Romans 3:23). They do have a right to point you to the Truth, which is the Word. But they are mandated to stand with you as brothers and sisters in Christ.

I think you would be amazed to know how God can work a seemingly unbearable situation for His good. I promise you, because He has promised us, He will raise up people to stand beside and nurture you. It may surprise you to know who those people will be. Your friend, Krista, really cares about you and loves you. There are countless others, unknown to you in the family of God, who love you and your child. I know that by choosing to give life to your baby you risk a lot. I also know that your life will never be the same no matter what you choose. Nothing will erase the past. But God will bless your faithfulness and obedience to His call. He will put the pieces of your life back together if you give it back to Him. It takes faith. We are not born with faith. Faith is something developed and refined by LIFE. God never promises us an easy life, but He promises to provide a way through where there is joy, peace and comfort. You are not alone. You are valued. You are loved. You are strong. God is there.