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Dear Pastor,

As you may be aware, one of the most heart breaking experiences as a pastor is sitting across from a woman as she tells you that she had an abortion and then goes on to tell you of the guilt and disgrace she continues to experience because of her decision. I have had this experience more times than most would expect as a pastor, and it never gets easier to watch a young lady grieve as she tries to reconcile the forgiveness in the Lord with the lies the world has fed her.

The truth is, 1 in every 4 women in our churches today have experienced the trauma of abortion and the guilt and shame that follow. That statistic should break our hearts and give us a desire to show these women that there is a loving Father who will forgive them and heal their shattered lives.

Lori Driggs founded the organization If Not for Grace with this very thing in mind. If Not for Grace is an organization that seeks to help women and families who have had their lives rocked by abortion find forgiveness and healing in Christ.

Lori's own life is a tremendous testimony of God's grace and healing power! She and her husband have been members of Abundant Life for almost three years and it has been an honor to be their pastor and watch them both grow in the ministry God has set before them.

The ministry of If Not for Grace is increasingly necessary as the abortion rate continues to rise. Would you please consider supporting this worthwhile ministry with your prayers and finances? I believe they will be a blessing to your church.

Yours in Christ,

Phil Hopper, Senior Pastor