

Dear Emma

Thank you for confiding and trusting me with your current situation. I cannot imagine the emotions and feelings running through your head right now. I understand that you are contemplating having an abortion, and I am here to listen to all your thoughts, beliefs, and feelings. You may feel like you have no one to turn to or talk to, but that is not true.

Emma, there are so many options that can help you in this situation. Right now, it is imperative that you consider the potential outcomes and how this decision will affect your life in the future. It is hard to think this way right now because we are both so young; however, abortion can leave emotional scars for those who have experienced it. No matter what choice you make, just know that God loves you. Emma, you are worthy of love. Jesus Christ died for you and made you in the image and likeness of God, just like your baby.

Think of all the happiness this new child could bring to our world! One day, he or she could become a doctor, a teacher, or a nurse. The possibilities are endless, Emma! As stated by Mary Mason, "A baby is something you carry inside you for nine months, in your arms for three years, and in your heart until the day you die." When you meet that baby, you will love it more than anything in the world. The little bundle will bring so much joy and happiness into your life.

If you are in need of extra support during this difficult time, there are local pregnancy organizations, websites, and community resources. Some of these include The Collage Clinic, The Nebraska Right-to-Life website, and your local parish communities. I will continue to pray for you and your baby. You are not walking alone in this struggle.

Emma, if you need anything else, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. When are you free next week? I would love to set up a time to chat and help you work through this. Please know that you are not alone and you can confide in me. 1 John 5:4 says it perfectly: "God is with you — wherever you may go and no matter what life brings."

Works Cited: Finn, Amy. "100 New Mom Quotes on Being a First-Time Mother (2022)." *Quote Ambition*, 23 Nov. 2021, <https://www.quoteambition.com/new-mom-quotes/>.

Gracie Woods

Dear Emma,

I want you to know that I love you and I am always here for you. Thank you so much for trusting me with this amazing, little secret. Life is a gift and God has truly blessed you with a baby. No matter how scared you are, everything is going to be okay and I am going to be by your side through it all. The pregnancy, the birth, the baby's life, and everything in between. There is nothing you can do to get rid of me because I will always be there for you, and now for your baby too. Even if the father isn't supportive, I will be at the ultrasounds, I'll plan the gender reveal, I will do anything to help you. If you decide adoption is your option, I might be a little sad but I'll help with the paperwork because I understand at this age a baby can be a lot to worry about. However, I will not support abortion. Emma, we have been given an amazing gift from God that we can create life and nurture it in our bodies and abortion can close those doors. There is an increase in the chance of cancer, depression, future miscarriages, and much more that I never want you to go through because you're my best friend and this baby deserves to have the same amazing opportunities you've had.

I know that it's a lot to take in right now and I want you to make the right decision for yourself and your future, along with the baby's future. Take your time when deciding and pray about it. I am always here and I love you so much and will be there every step of the way no matter who else is or isn't there with us. Take care of yourself, beautiful. After all, you do have the greatest gift growing inside you and relying on you.

Sincerely,

your best friend

P.S. I'm not disappointed in you or upset at all, this is an amazing gift that you should embrace. Every choice has a consequence... yours just happened to be a little bundle of joy.

Madeline Logue