

YOU WILL BE ENRICHED IN EVERY WAY TO BE
GENEROUS IN EVERY WAY, WHICH THROUGH US
WILL PRODUCE THANKSGIVING TO GOD.
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Gracie's Testimony

A Journey from Fear to Hope

A number of years ago, I was at a point where I felt lost. I was struggling with choices that pulled me away from the Lord, to the point that I didn't know where I stood with Him anymore. Life was heavy; I battled depression and a deep sense of isolation. Some of my relationships were hurtful.

When I first suspected I was pregnant, I didn't believe it. I kept telling myself, "This can't be happening," and "Is this even real?" It was a time of so many conflicting emotions: I was scared and anxious; I did not feel ready to be a mom and did not believe in myself; at one point, I didn't even want to keep this baby. I wanted to hide my pregnancy from family and friends, afraid that I would be pushed away by the people I loved.

The night I told my grandma, and then my parents, they reacted in a way that I didn't expect. They provided love and support. They kept reminding me that we would get through this unexpected pregnancy together as a family, and with the guidance of Jesus.



Gracie & her daughter, Saylor



I thought about this baby inside of me. I began telling myself, "This little baby deserves a life. He or she may grow up to be such a positive influence for someone else!" I remembered Psalm 139:13: "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb." I knew God was building this new life inside of me.

Some friends suggested that I go to Alpha Center. From the moment I arrived at the door until my daughter Saylor arrived, I was surrounded by a community of individuals who poured love and wisdom into my life. They reassured me that I wasn't alone and gave me encouragement along the way. I began taking life classes, which became a roadmap through the journey of pregnancy and into motherhood. But Alpha Center didn't just provide services, they prayed over me and my baby, reinforcing the truth of Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

My daughter was born in June 2023 and she changed my life, as well as the lives of our family. She is a gift to all of us and I cannot imagine life without her. I want to be the best version of myself for my daughter, providing for her and giving her endless love as she grows. Some of the wisdom I will share with her is what I have gained through my experience: "Don't give up on the plans and future God has in store for you. He only gives you what you can handle. He knows what is happening even when you don't." God changed my fear to hope.



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A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Leslee Unruh".

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