



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

*Devotional for Day 4, Saturday, March 5*

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## Intention:

For each female who is faced with an unplanned pregnancy to know that she is loved, supported, and favored by God.

## Scripture:

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

— *Luke 2: 13-14*

## Reflection:

Pregnant? How can this be? When a girl finds out she’s pregnant, it’s unbelievable. She wonders how it happened. I think she knows how it happens but she didn’t think it would happen to her. This is something that happens to other girls. She needs to tell someone. She needs to talk it through. But who? Who can she trust with her secret? A secret that, by the way, won’t be a secret in a few months. I was that girl. I had sexual relations with my boyfriend and then it just happened! That’s the way God designed it. Your body doesn’t know if the person you’re intimate with is your boyfriend, husband or offender. It just does what it was designed to do. But again, who can I trust with this secret? The year I became pregnant at 16 was the first year our pregnancy center started in a doctor’s office. Embrace Grace wasn’t started yet. You could not see a doctor as a minor without a parent. Oh, how I needed

a pro-life advocate to speak truth to me. But I only had misinformed parents and a dishonest abortion clinic. Just as Mary had Elizabeth and Elizabeth had Mary to share their unbelievable news with, we need someone to trust. Someone to comfort, console and speak life and truth to us. Both Elizabeth and Mary needed to share God’s amazing gift with someone. Girls, young women and older women need to know that God has done an amazing thing in their womb. Life has begun and it is to be celebrated. Any life, no matter the mode of conception. Let’s always celebrate a life within a womb as a gift! Just as the great company of heavenly hosts and the angel praised, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” Any woman who is blessed to have a life created within her has been shown favor!

## Prayer:

Father God, giver of life, creator of life and sustainer of life, thank you for each life you give us. Father, I pray each one that is faced with a decision will choose life and know that she is favored by you. I pray, we, your mouthpieces, will console, comfort, support and equip your mothers to make the decision to choose life. Help us Lord to love and comfort those who do not.