

Behold, Life

Pro-Life Ministry at Calvary Chapel Star

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Ellie's Story

My husband and I found out we were expecting a third baby when my middle daughter was 3 months old. We underwent routine genetic testing early in the pregnancy, and our little girl tested positive for a genetic condition called 22qdeletion syndrome. We had been informed by specialists a baby with this condition fell into a “gray diagnosis” area. She could be severely disabled requiring life sustaining interventions or have mild complications requiring continual therapies. I could miscarry or have a stillbirth. We were offered several times to terminate the pregnancy because of this. I declined termination each time, because I knew in my heart the Lord loves life in the womb. But if I am honest, I thought about terminating the pregnancy multiple times. This was an unexpected pregnancy, and I also had two healthy children at home. How was I going to care for a child with special needs, if my baby lived, and would it take away from the lives my two healthy children deserved to have? We completed extensive testing, for which results took months to get back. Throughout this waiting period, I prayed and cried more than I ever have. I remember praying to the Lord and asking Him to forgive my thoughts of terminating this pregnancy. I found myself trying to negotiate that terminating would make me a better mother for my two children and that I would be showing compassion to this baby so she wouldn't have to experience a life of pain and suffering. However, the Lord is faithful and His timing is perfect. I was sitting in church a few Sundays after Seth Gruber came and spoke about the pro-life movement when a woman told her story of her daughter and her granddaughter. Her daughter had an unexpected pregnancy and chose life for her baby. Her baby was diagnosed with a heart condition and needed emergency surgery right after birth. Even still, she chose life. While she was sharing her story, I realized that God was talking directly to me. He was asking me to trust and obey Him. That service was the day I surrendered my unborn baby and my circumstances to the Lord. No matter what the outcome, I was going to choose life for my daughter. I was going to obey God, who promises to be with us every step of the way. In the days that followed, the Lord continued to show His faithfulness. A little over halfway through my pregnancy we received her test results and found out our precious daughter was completely healthy. We went on to have a quiet, uneventful pregnancy, healthy delivery, and by the Grace of our Almighty God, Ellie joined our family this summer. Fast forward a few months later, I attended the first meeting of women's bible study at CCS. I look around the room, and to my surprise, see the woman who got up in church that one Sunday and shared her daughter's story sitting across from me. Our God never makes mistakes, and through another set of tears I told Ellie's story that night, and thanked my sister in Christ, Julie, for sharing in church that Sunday. The Lord is so faithful through both good and challenging times. He knows just what we need and works all things for good for those who love Him. In our Lord there is everlasting hope, healing, and peace that only He can provide, regardless of circumstances.

With love and encouragement,

Ellie's mom, Kylee

We are a House of Refuge

Youth for Life Prayer Walk that took place at the Planned Parenthood in Ontario OR. Sept. 13. The walk was lead by CCS youth Leader, Matt along with youth of all ages and their families. As these opportunities come up, please consider taking advantage of going. Does the Lord need us there, no but He wants us there. Statistically, when the church shows up to pray, abortions for that week go down 70 -75%. Church family, let's show up and petition God to intervene and shut these places down for good.

John 14:12-14 John 15:7

