

## ***MESSAGE of the Open Bible***

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### **Why Choose Adoption Over Abortion?**

1. Any two people can make love, but *only* God can create a life.
2. No matter what the circumstances surrounding this conception, the baby growing inside of you belongs to God and was created by Him for His purpose.
3. God loves you and has a special plan for your life as well as your baby's.
4. Choosing abortion will result in endless grief for the child you might have had. Parental loss of a child is a particularly devastating grief. Motherhood does not end with abortion.
5. You will likely spend a lot of psychic energy keep the abortion a secret in the future and will experience guilt, anger, unconscious fear of sex, tenseness and uneasiness around children, and depression.
6. This child is part of you! Choosing abortion instead of adoption will not only kill your baby, but also a vital part of you.
7. You will place your very life at risk through the abortion procedure.
8. You will jeopardize your ability to conceive again.
9. You will long to hold that child for the rest of your life and will wonder what he/she may have looked like when you see another's child the same age that yours would have been. You will have lost not only an infant, but a preschooler, a teenager, a young adult, and your grandchild.
10. Even though you may have other children, none will ever take the place of this child.
11. You will secretly wonder what your child would have grown up to be.
12. The child you are carrying, like all of us, deserves the right to have a chance in life.
13. The institution of adoption has changed dramatically in the past few decades. There is now open adoption, where an arrangement can be negotiated between both sets of parents (adoptive and birth) for the welfare of your child. You can choose the parents for your baby.
14. You can have a vital impact on the life of your child. If you choose adoption instead of abortion, he/she may need and want you to be a part of his/her life.
15. If you choose adoption instead of abortion, you will ultimately see that you have been touched by adoption for a purpose, and your child will be grateful to you for carrying him/her for the first nine months of life.