Dear family and friends,

“You’re a man! It doesn’t matter how you feel! Abortion is a woman’s right!!” shouted an angry female student during an open-mic session at the University of Georgia.

She was yelling at a young man who had just tearfully shared with everyone within earshot that he suffers every day knowing his girlfriend aborted their child. His heart is broken in pieces, and she tells him his feelings don’t matter? The nerve!

I regularly meet men on campuses who have abortions in their past. They’re making their way through college with the heavy burden of having encouraged, paid for, or even fought against their girlfriends aborting their children. See Sam’s story in the blue box below.

In our society, there’s no space for women to grieve their aborted children - they’re expected to just move on, put it behind them. How utterly alone, then, men often feel who are grieving after

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“When did women’s rights become so important they trumped men’s rights?”

Don’t Debate - Dialogue!
From the University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, Fall 2008

‘Sam’ was staring at the Exhibit with a dejected look on his face. I thought he was upset that we were there... Far from it:

Catherine (C): What’s on your mind?

Sam (S): These pictures are really hard to look at.

C: I agree - they really are. What’s on your mind as you look at them?

S: Well, a while back my girlfriend and I got pregnant. She was scared and thought having a baby would ruin her chance at college and ruin her life. I told her that I wanted the baby and

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abortion, especially when they’re told that abortion is a “not a man’s issue”. As with any trauma or loss of a loved one, true healing requires acknowledging what happened and being allowed to grieve. Too often, men’s pain and suffering is dismissed, though, which is one reason why it is so important to keep lovingly talking about abortion, and to do so often. You never know whose life you’ll touch, or even save.

Thankfully, there are people and organizations committed to helping men heal from abortions. If you know someone who needs help, direct them to one of these great resources:

In Kansas, Choices Medical Clinic (choicesmc.org), nationally, Rachel’s Vineyard (rachelsvineyard.org), Silent No More Awareness (silentnomoreawareness.org), M.A.N. (Men and Abortion Network www.menandabortion.net)

In Christ, for life,

Catherine Lock
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I’m on a Podcast! On our recent trip to Fresno, CA, I was invited to contribute to the LifeReport podcast produced by our good friend Josh Brahm at Right to Life of Central California. JFA intern Josh Pedrick, staff Jacob Burow and I shared stories from campus and what motivates each of us to do the particular work we do here at Justice For All. You can listen to the podcast here: http://blog.prolifepodcast.net/2010/07/02/bonus-audio-interview-justice-for-all-trainers-part-2.aspx