

## ONE ASPECT OF MOTHER'S DAY

Dear Pastor,

Did you know that there are women in your congregation every week who have had abortions but have never told anyone? And, did you know that women who have had abortions hate to go to church on Mother's Day? Especially if they never gave birth to a child and got to be a "mom." I have heard this many times over during the past twenty years working with post abortive women. Their pain comes from a "mother's heart".

Going to church on Mother's Day is also very difficult for women who have placed a child for adoption (often another secret), for women who have had miscarriages, infertility problems and for women who have never been pregnant and will never have a child.

This Mother's Day as you bless and honor '*mothers*' to make them feel special, may I encourage you to bless these women also by acknowledging their pain and their loss. You can validate their "mother's heart" from the pulpit so they don't feel forgotten and left out by remembering them in prayer or by giving them a blessing, acknowledging that this is a sad and difficult day for many women. They often feel forgotten by God, in this area of their life, also. You can mention by name, abortion, adoption, miscarriages, infertility or singleness, any of which might keep a woman from becoming a mother by birth but that does not mean she does not have a mother's nurturing heart.

I shared this with my Pastor some years ago and it has made a tremendous difference to many women sitting in our congregation on Mother's Day since then.

Yours truly,

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