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Healing the Miscarried, Stillborn or Aborted Children

Chapter one

God knew us and called us

<u>Jeremiah 1-5:</u> Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were even born I set you apart.

While attending a weekend retreat in Drumalis Retreat Centre Larne, the main speaker, Fr Gabriel Hearty was giving his homily during Mass when a young man interrupted him saying, Fr, "overtime I pass by Mill town Cemetery, in Belfast, at the plot reserved for children I break down and cry"... Could you please tell me why?

Fr Hearty stopped, and then addressed him saying," I was on the altar one day preparing for the night Mass, when I heard someone crying. I looked around and saw this gypsy woman, crying sorely, I went down to her wondering what was wrong with her, I asked what is wrong with you why are you crying? She looked at me and said. My husband and his friend is away out into the country to bury our last child. It was born stillborn. I have had ten children, five were stillborn, and five miscarried. I do not know where they are, Heaven Hell or whatever,"—Fr said he did not know what to say so he prayed. "Lord tell me what to say and do?" The lord responded with these instructions, -Tell her to begin with her first child that was born stillborn and Name that child, and then commit that child to me, then continue to do the same for all the others:

I had been leaning against the wall of the Church half-listening when God spoke to me and said now you do the same, I was shocked and said Lord why? He said you and Rose had a miscarried child last year, now do the same. I had to apologise and say" Lord I'm sorry I wasn't really listening to him, what do I do? The Lord said I want you to name your child, I answered I do not even know what it was, what will I call it, he answered call her Martha, I then asked now what do I do? He replied now commit her to me, I said Jesus I name this child Martha and I commit her to you're loving care. As I said this tremendous weight lifted off me, a weight that I had never noticed before. It was a great shock to me to experience this.

Afterwards I was trying to work out what had happened to me, and I thought why Martha, Rose or I would not have called any of our kids by that name, we do not have any relatives by that name.

When the weekend was over I returned home and shared with Rose what happened to me. Rose burst out crying; I asked what was wrong? She said she had been living in guilt ever since she had her miscarriage. She thought that if only she had done this or that she might not have miscarried. This was unreal guilt she was feeling, as there was nothing that she could have done to prevent it. But still she felt guilty. As we talked and as I shared again, my experience with her she experienced this lovely peace come over her, it was the Lord touching her.

A few years later Rose was attending a course given by a local man. He led the people there into a meditation. As he took them through the meditation, Rose had an experience from God. She saw these very wide stairs with red carpet. They seemed to be leading up into Heaven. Suddenly a little girl with curly blond hair appeared at the foot of the stairs. She started to ascend them. Rose called out Martha! The little girl stopped, looked around at Rose, smiled, then ran up the stairs. Rose cried very sore as she realised that this was our little girl. She was the age that Martha would have been had she lived. She looked like another child of ours, when they were that age.

God moves in strange ways

God does indeed move in strange ways. Months before this happened to Rose, I was talking to a girl in Columba House in Derry. I was telling her of my experience at the Mass with Fr Gabriel Hearty, when a man interrupted, and said I could not help but overhearing, some of what you just said, would you tell me what happened as I am very interested to know the whole story. -I again relayed the story to this man, and he thanked me and left. It turned out that this man, was the man who's meeting Rose went to months later and he led her and others in the healing of the miscarriage meditation. God indeed does move in strange ways.

Many poor children

Many poor children have died and have never been named nor committed to God, because people do not know that they should do this. Many a mothers has suffered with post natal depression, for a long time after loosing a child and not know that what is possibly happening to her is, that her child needs to have a name, to have its own identity. And needs to be committed to God through Jesus. It is the child's need, that the mother feels, and thinks that its part of her postnatal depression. [Note this is not always the cause of postnatal depression] The child has only one way of trying to get the parent to understand it needs help. That is through the spiritual area of the human being and can affect us in our feelings.

For some reason's that I do not know. An uncommitted child is somehow unable to get into the fullness of Gods kingdom. As I said I do not know all the answers, but I do know through praying with so many people that the lord, has made me aware that those people have had a miscarriage, or someone close to them had.

Many times I have sensed the lord saing, miscarriage, and I would ask have you ever had a miscarriage, and the answer would be yes how did you know? And I would tell them what the lord told me. I would explain about naming the child and committing it to God through Jesus. After they did that, you could see a new joy in their eyes, and often tears, as they shared feelings of guilt. If they had done this or that they might not have lost their baby.

Sometimes the person I was praying with would say no I've never had a miscarriage' so I would ask the lord. Whose miscarriage was it lord? And I would sense mother or grandmother or sister, or even one time sister-in-law. I would usually say to the person. Is it ok if we commit this child or children, to the lord, as they are connected to you through your family ties? Most times the answer has been yes, the other times the person was not sure if all this was ok by the church. And it is, the church calls it a baptism of desire, ask any priest for verification.

People say to me, when I tell them what the lord told me about the miscarried or stillborn, or even aborted child, "I do not know what it was. I was only two months pregnant at the time. So I would say. "Let's ask the lord what sex the child was" I would then tell them to ask the lord for a name for this child, and explain that the first answer that that came to mind, after asking, then call that child by that name.

Say Jesus I call this child, Mary, or whatever. Then I tell them. Now commit this child to Jesus, saying, "Jesus I commit Mary to you into you're loving care and I ask you to take them into the fullness of your kingdom" Some people have an experience of seeing Jesus take that child in his arms and take them away with him. Not very many have had this experience, and it does not matter if this happens or not. What matters is that the child has been named and committed to the lord. As I said earlier, I would never have called Martha by that name, because neither Rose nor I thought we had any relatives by that name. Then we discovered that Rose's aunt Cissy proper name was Martha, we only knew her as Cissy all our lives, then we discovered that Rose's grandmother was also called Martha, and also her cousins name was Martha, it was a family name after all. God knows more than we give him credit for.

Sometimes a woman who has a miscarriage or stillborn child carries with her feelings of unreal guilt. I say unreal guilt, because we cant stop things from happening to us if we do not know the power that we have from God. And most people do not know that they have that power, so I will address this from the human viewpoint. A woman thinks if only I had taken to my bed. If only I had taken things easier. If only I did not do this or that, I might not have lost this child. You yourself know the feelings that you had and still have. **You are not to blame!** It was not your fault, and even if it was your fault, then that can be changed anyway.

If you have deliberately tried everything you could to get rid of your child, then you have to go before the, lord Jesus and ask him for forgiveness and ask him to go to your child and to ask on your behalf, their forgiveness. And Jesus will do that for you, because he wants you both healed. God is a God of forgiveness and mercy, and does not hold any sin against you if you confess it to him. He dearly loves you and wants your happiness.

He knows you cannot be happy if you are living in guilt and remorse. You then have to forgive yourself and let go of your unreal guilt. If you have had an abortion, you need to ask for forgives for taking that wee child's life, you then ask Jesus to ask the child for forgiveness for not wanting it, for rejecting it, and for ending its life, Jesus will do that for you. Name that child if you have not already done so and commit the child to Jesus.

God says you must love your neighbour as you love yourself. He did not ask us to love our neighbour only, but he said, as you love yourself. He told us to love ourselves. **He will not condemn you even if you had an abortion. Romans 1-1:** Therefore there is **no condemnation**, for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

God loves you and wants to set you free. You cannot be free if you are hanging on to guilt. Forgive yourself right now. Forgiveness is a decision, not a feeling. Say with me now "I" [your name]- decide to accept Gods forgiveness, and the forgiveness from my child" Right now and I also decide to forgive myself because Jesus and my child have forgiven me.

POINT OF INTEREST

At times when I prayed with people that had a miscarriage, stillborn, or aborted child. God showed them in a vision [pictures in the mind] the child at whatever age it would have been had that child lived. Sometimes the child appeared as an adult, because that would have been the age it would have been had it lived.

One time I prayed with this lady in Donegal Ireland, and as the prayer group leader introduced me to her. The Lord spoke to me and said. "Ask her, why does she look for the living among the dead 'I of course hadn't a clue what the Lord meant, until the woman sat down, and before she spoke. I told her what the Lord had told me to say. She burst out crying and shortly afterwards, she told me her son had been killed in a motorcycle crash, and she goes to his grave every day to talk to him. Thinking of him as totally dead. But you see God does not see us as dead, because we are alive in him. And so are our loved ones. Including the miscarried, stillborn, aborted children. They are alive in Jesus. They have just got there first before us, and they will be waiting joyfully in heaven for us, their parents.

Your child is alive and happy in heaven with Jesus surrounded by millions of angelic friends and believe it or not your child does not want you living in guilt. Your little one does not want you living a half-life of remorse and sadness. Your child knows everything about you and loves you with the same perfect love that God has for you. They say to you right now, " mammy/ daddy, I forgive you, and want you to be as happy as I am, here with Jesus. I love you and long for the day when I can hold you in my arms and to be held in your arms also ' Amen

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