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it's a Blob of tissue! Don't worry, everything will be fine, and it's totally legal; you have nothing to worry about!"

So, I thought that it must be okay. I wasn't doing anything wrong, so what did I have to worry about. It was definitely the right decision for me; it would solve the problem, and afterwards I could go on with my life!

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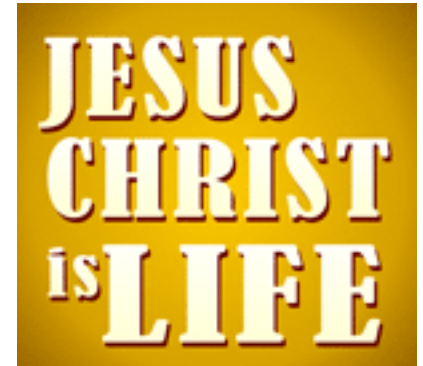
It didn't happen right away, but years later, I started wondering why I was suffering from so much sadness, guilt and shame! I couldn't put it all together right away, but soon all the pieces started falling together.

I tried to fix it myself by talking to myself out of emotions. And when that didn't work I sought help from doctors who gave me medicine to help my emotions. This helped a little but still felt like something was not right. Then finally I realized that what I had done was not right or moral, even if people told me that is was.

When I could no longer cope with the emotions anymore, I took ownership of what I had done, and admitted that I had murdered my unborn child. I prayed to God that he would heal me from my greatest sin and He did, right then.

It was such a relief to know that God had forgiven me, but forgiving myself took more time! Over the years God has shown me that He wants me to forgive myself, and Jesus is here to help me along the way. Jesus has become my Friend! I am able to talk to Him about anything and He listens to it all without rolling His eyes or judging me. He unconditionally loves me for who I am, the good, the bad, the past, and the present. He is proud of me for the progress I have made. He encourages me to go deeper with my relationship with Him.

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