



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

*Devotional for Day 16, October 8, 2009*  
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## **Intention:**

Pray that as young couples or single moms choose life for their child, the church will come alongside them physically, emotionally, and spiritually to help bear their burdens.

## **Scripture:**

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

—*Galatians 6:1-2*

## **Reflection:**

Restoring those who are broken from sexual sin and who desire to live life differently—a life focused on Christ—is a burden the church must share.

What an awesome opportunity for a spiritually mature woman to come alongside a single mom as a mentor and friend.

A regular time together praying and studying God's Word will help her mature in her walk with the Lord.

Allowing her the opportunity to observe life as you live it—meal preparation, family time, and providing wholesome conversation and wise counsel on a frequent basis—can provide a teaching moment that will benefit her for a lifetime.

Introducing her to a small group or class in the church where she and her baby are welcomed and plugged in will be vital to her restoration.

These are just a few examples of things the body of Christ can do. Staying connected with young couples or single moms who have chosen life should continue beyond the celebration of the child's birth if we truly desire to fulfill the law of Christ in bearing one another's burdens.

You will find it is not a burden after all, but a tremendous blessing as your family line extends to include these precious souls as part of your own.

## **Prayer:**

Dear Lord, as our Shepherd You so tenderly care for us -- pulling us from the miry pit, guiding and directing us safely along the path of life, protecting us from the dangers that are ahead and taking us to pastures that are green.

Lord, use us as Your vessels to shepherd these young men and women who have honored you by choosing life for their child.

Give us wisdom and discernment along with Your love and compassion so that we are never a stumbling block but rather a guide that always takes them to You, the true Shepherd. In Jesus name we pray, amen.