



RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Healing the Pain of Abortion,
One Weekend at a Time

Rachel's Vineyard weekends are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The weekend is a very specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is also an opportunity to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief.

"Therapy for the Soul"

The weekend is a chance to get away from daily pressures to focus on the buried emotions of the past in light of present symptoms and begin healing through a supportive trauma sensitive process. Rachel's Vineyard provides a non-judgmental, safe environment. The weekend will help your soul find a voice, and transform the pain of the past into hope and love.



"I was terrified to take that first step forward and participate in Rachel's Vineyard. It seemed safer to remain hiding in the darkness, keeping the pain locked up deep inside rather than to risk exposing my shame to another soul. Now I am grateful to have experienced God's healing and forgiveness with other women in an atmosphere of complete acceptance and trust. Rachel's Vineyard has been a blessing to me"

"It was the best weekend of my life. I was able to share my grief, my guilt, my anger. I was able to mourn the loss of my baby. But most important, I was able to believe that she now lives with Jesus. For a short time I could almost touch her and hold her and see her. For this, I will always be grateful."

"Before this retreat I was spiritually dead. I was empty inside. I felt separated from the church and from God. After this retreat, I now feel alive and happy to be alive. I feel the love of God inside me."

"I never knew my wife had suffered so much pain over an abortion she had before I met her. It was a real eye opener to attend the Rachel's Vineyard retreat with her and be a support in an area of her life where there was so much secret grief. Our marriage has truly been blessed. We are closer now than we have ever been, and I had the privilege of being able to spiritually adopt her child during the memorial service."



More Testimonies

"To anyone considering the need to reconcile their abortion, the retreat is a wonderful gift you could give yourself. You are able to experience the sadness, grief, and shame in the company of other women and men feeling very much the same. You are able to turn this pain in to hope with the help of nurturing counselors and supportive caretakers. You are not rushed or hurried, but given time to reflect and become open to the healing process gradually."

"After struggling alone for years with the guilt, shame and remorse of my involvement with my girlfriend's decision to abort our child. I finally found a ministry that recognized my need to get help. Rachel's Vineyard provided a place where I could voice my pain and loss. The acceptance of the women there was especially helpful because I felt I had hurt my girlfriend so badly that all women would despise me if they knew what I had done. Their understanding and acceptance helped me to move further in forgiving myself and helped me to love others in my life in a deeper way."

"For 18 years I have been haunted with heavy guilt that no one could take away, tormented by thoughts of what my child would have been like. Through participating in Rachel's Vineyard, I was finally able to forgive myself. I know that God has given me a peaceful mind, cleansed my heart and has washed away my guilt."



Who We Are

Rachel's Vineyard weekends for healing are offered in hundreds of locations across North America and in many countries throughout the world. The movement was founded by Dr. Theresa Burke and Kevin Burke, LSW and is a ministry of Priests for Life.

What People Are Saying

"I pray that all who participate in Rachel's Vineyard with the longing to be free and to be healed by Jesus my find Him, the source of true joy, peace and love, and allow God to restore them to wholeness and happiness. I am praying much for you. God Bless you."

—Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Healing after abortion is a long road. Few steps along that road are more powerful than Rachel's Vineyard retreats. In the name of the Lord of Life and Mercy, I invite you to enter this place of welcome and understanding."

—Fr. Frank Pavone
National Pastoral Director of Rachel's Vineyard
and National Director of Priests for Life

"I would not hesitate to recommend the retreat to anyone I know that has a past abortion experience if they are searching for God and his forgiveness. Our experience with Rachel's Vineyard has been remarkable. We have never witnessed the intensity, depth of healing and restoration.

—Pastor Phil Holsinger
Family Care Network

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Registration

I would like information about the retreat on:

- April 22-24, 2016 Rapid City SD
- November 4-6, 2016 Bismarck ND

Contact Carol Kling for information about upcoming retreats in our area at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com.

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*Experience the
Healing Mercy of
Jesus Christ
in the
Jubilee Year of Mercy*

*Therefore I am now going to allure her;
I will lead her into the desert
and speak tenderly to her.*

*There I will give her back her vineyards,
and transform her Valley of Troubles
into a Door of Hope.*

Hosea 2: 16-17



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This brochure is in your hands for a reason! If you are emotionally or spiritually hurting because of abortion, come experience God's love and mercy. If someone you know is hurting because of abortion, please give them this brochure. All calls and inquiries will be kept confidential.

Local Rachel's Vineyard Retreats:

Rapid City, SD April 22-24, 2016
Bismarck, ND November 4-6, 2016

For information about retreats held in North & South Dakota, contact:

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Retreats are held throughout the United States and around the world. For more information and a schedule of Rachel's Vineyard retreats, visit their website at

www.rachelsvineyard.org

or call the toll free national hotline:

**1-877-HOPE-4-ME
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