

## CHOOSING LIFE

**Case 1.** You are the parent of a murder victim. The man accused of the murder has had other victims whose loved ones want the death penalty. The lawyer wants your support to ask for capital punishment in sentencing for these crimes. This decision becomes central in your struggle to handle the pain and the issues of forgiveness. How could you respond?

**Case 2.** Your younger sister has become pregnant unintentionally—she is sixteen. Because your parents do not make enough money to care for a child easily, it becomes clear that she could only keep the child if you stay home and go to a local college rather than going to your top college choice far away. At home, you could help care for the child and channel some family money toward the child's upbringing. How could you respond?

**Case 3.** You are newly married and are pregnant with your first child. You feel that you can handle parenting and your successful career. Some pregnancy tests suggest that your baby will have significant special needs (mental and/or physical disabilities). The doctor asks you if you want to terminate the pregnancy or continue to carry the baby. Your husband says he does not know if he wants to parent the child. How could you respond?

**Case 4.** You and a friend are angry with each other over a recent event. During the time that she is angry with you, your friend reveals something that you told her in confidence—it then becomes common knowledge in the class. You also know private information about your friend that she would not want to be known. How could you respond?

**Case 5.** Last weekend you had the car, but you went out of your way to take your brother around to various activities he wanted to go to. Now, this weekend, when he has the car, he tells you he doesn't have time to take you anywhere. Of course, if you told your parents something he did last weekend, he would be grounded and you would have the car. How could you respond?

**Case 6.** You were away for the weekend with your family. When you come back, a friend mentions that he saw your girlfriend a few times over the weekend with another guy. She doesn't mention seeing him when you ask her about her weekend. You feel insulted and betrayed. How could you respond?