父親在嬰兒墮胎後，心靈的創傷不少於母親。

英國的Rachel’s Vineyard (失胎後傷痛癒合與陪伴週末退省) 負責人Charlie Conner稱，父親在孩子墮胎後的傷痛是多方面的，包括內疚及羞恥。 若是由父親推動孩子的母親進行墮胎的話，他們的罪疚感更重。就算他們沒有宗教信仰，當他們在生活上遇上困難時，會認為是受到懲罰。 當他們再有其他孩子時，他們會害怕再次失去孩子。

Rachel’s Vineyard (失胎後傷痛癒合與陪伴週末退省) 在全球多個地方舉辦，以天主教為背景的退省，經已協助了無數失胎後的父母親。天主教香港教區婚姻與家庭牧民委員會將定於本年9月1日舉辦首屆的Rachel’s Vineyard (失胎後傷痛癒合與陪伴週末退省)，經已額滿，歡迎有意參加來屆的朋友填寫本屆的報名表以留下聯絡資料，當本會落實舉辦第二屆RV時，會盡快通知他們。

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Fathers of Aborted Babies Experience Devastating Pain and Regret

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I was surprised and encouraged to see an article in the Daily Mail [Abortion and the Men haunted by Regret](http://post.spmailtechnolo.com/f/a/q2YiB__9X6BPlvVSix9VqQ~~/AAAq9QA~/RgRbYcQdP0EIACy7Cj2f2GtXA3NwY1gEAAAAAFkGc2hhcmVkYQlnZW5lcmFsXzNgDTUyLjM4LjIzNS4xMzJICjA4LTAxLTIwMTdCCgAAnZCAWWIUOB9SEW5ld3NAbGlmZW5ld3MuY29tQwQAAQABCVEEAAAAAERSaHR0cDovL3d3dy5kYWlseW1haWwuY28udWsvZmVtYWlsL2FydGljbGUtNDYyNjQyNC9BYm9ydGlvbi1tZW4taGF1bnRlZC1yZWdyZXQuaHRtbEcPeyJrZXkiOiJ2YWx1ZSJ9) featuring a number of fathers sharing openly about their abortion experience.

One father, Tony shares about his state of mind at the time he learned of an unplanned pregnancy. His partner Jenny was set on termination even as Tony pleaded with her to give birth to their child:

“My mind was all over the place…You are experiencing such conflicting thoughts and emotions. On one hand, you’re trying to get your head round the fact you’re going to be a dad when you didn’t plan to be and preparing to be emotionally connected to this child. On the other, you’ve got to disconnect, because there might never be a baby.”

“You got to disconnect…because there might never be a baby.” The social sanctioning of abortion, the context of “choice,” attacks the heart and soul of what it means to be a father.

The reality of the child’s existence is calling this young father to embrace his vocation, no matter how challenging the circumstances. Yet the legal reality that he is powerless, and his partner’s rejection of their baby, necessitates disconnection.

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Fortunately Tony [reached out for help](http://post.spmailtechnolo.com/f/a/5sMFiQxhXFQBLPvrZ3em-g~~/AAAq9QA~/RgRbYcQdP0EIACy7Cj2f2GtXA3NwY1gEAAAAAFkGc2hhcmVkYQlnZW5lcmFsXzNgDTUyLjM4LjIzNS4xMzJICjA4LTAxLTIwMTdCCgAAnZCAWWIUOB9SEW5ld3NAbGlmZW5ld3MuY29tQwQAAQABCVEEAAAAAEQ2aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaWxlbnRub21vcmVhd2FyZW5lc3Mub3JnL3NlYXJjaC9pbmRleC5hc3B4Rw97ImtleSI6InZhbHVlIn0~) and saw a counselor to help him cope with the natural anger and grief that flowed from this attack upon his manhood and fatherhood.

Charlie Conner serves with the [Rachel’s Vineyard](http://post.spmailtechnolo.com/f/a/m_WY1W7bCR5kP3xirGFDqg~~/AAAq9QA~/RgRbYcQdP0EIACy7Cj2f2GtXA3NwY1gEAAAAAFkGc2hhcmVkYQlnZW5lcmFsXzNgDTUyLjM4LjIzNS4xMzJICjA4LTAxLTIwMTdCCgAAnZCAWWIUOB9SEW5ld3NAbGlmZW5ld3MuY29tQwQAAQABCVEEAAAAAEQfaHR0cDovL3d3dy5yYWNoZWxzdmluZXlhcmQub3JnL0cPeyJrZXkiOiJ2YWx1ZSJ9)abortion healing program in the United Kingdom. Charlie shares in the **Daily Mail**article about some of the challenges men face after abortion:

“It’s natural that there is guilt and shame — a mourning process is meant to happen…Guilt will be greater if the man was the driving force in the abortion. Even if they are not religious, they can feel punished when there are other difficulties in their lives. If they have other children, there can be the fear something will happen to them as a result of what they did.”

The article touched on a number of important themes:

* The role of contraceptive failure and intentional contraceptive failure in unplanned pregnancy
* The [damage to men](http://post.spmailtechnolo.com/f/a/fH_VQvnG9FR9mnooC08g9w~~/AAAq9QA~/RgRbYcQdP0EIACy7Cj2f2GtXA3NwY1gEAAAAAFkGc2hhcmVkYQlnZW5lcmFsXzNgDTUyLjM4LjIzNS4xMzJICjA4LTAxLTIwMTdCCgAAnZCAWWIUOB9SEW5ld3NAbGlmZW5ld3MuY29tQwQAAQABCVEEAAAAAEQ1aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaWxlbnRub21vcmVhd2FyZW5lc3Mub3JnL3Nob2Nrd2F2ZXMvanVuZS9HD3sia2V5IjoidmFsdWUifQ~~) of being both passive and powerless to prevent the abortion or active agents in the child’s death.
* The same sex identity embraced by one man 3 years after the procedure
* Some men can experience symptoms associated with emotional trauma after abortion
* The delayed onset of grief, regret etc. for some men and the need for [counseling and other support](http://post.spmailtechnolo.com/f/a/5sMFiQxhXFQBLPvrZ3em-g~~/AAAq9QA~/RgRbYcQdP0EIACy7Cj2f2GtXA3NwY1gEAAAAAFkGc2hhcmVkYQlnZW5lcmFsXzNgDTUyLjM4LjIzNS4xMzJICjA4LTAxLTIwMTdCCgAAnZCAWWIUOB9SEW5ld3NAbGlmZW5ld3MuY29tQwQAAQABCVEEAAAAAEQ2aHR0cDovL3d3dy5zaWxlbnRub21vcmVhd2FyZW5lc3Mub3JnL3NlYXJjaC9pbmRleC5hc3B4Rw97ImtleSI6InZhbHVlIn0~).
* The common relationship termination following the procedure
* One of the men featured remained single and childless 15 years after procedure
* [Anniversary reactions](http://post.spmailtechnolo.com/f/a/m0cTB7byvDgo_idmir6ymw~~/AAAq9QA~/RgRbYcQdP0EIACy7Cj2f2GtXA3NwY1gEAAAAAFkGc2hhcmVkYQlnZW5lcmFsXzNgDTUyLjM4LjIzNS4xMzJICjA4LTAxLTIwMTdCCgAAnZCAWWIUOB9SEW5ld3NAbGlmZW5ld3MuY29tQwQAAQABCVEEAAAAAEQvaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucHJvbGlmZXByb2R1Y3RzLm9yZy9mb3JiaWRkZW4tZ3JpZWZHD3sia2V5IjoidmFsdWUifQ~~) to the date of the abortion or around the time of the child’s due date

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