



Several months ago I asked the SaveOne chapter coordinator, Terri Nordone, to answer some questions. Terri is a longtime leader at SaveOne and has had continuous success in offering this class at her church. I wanted other chapter leaders to hear what she is doing, and glean from her incredible wisdom. Terri is a dear friend to me, so get comfortable and hear what she has to say. You won't be sorry!

Tell us about the church where you hold SaveOne. How long have you been there? Where are you located?, etc. The Salem Oregon chapter of SaveOne is hosted by Morning Star Community Church. My husband and I have attended Morning Star since March 25, 1998 when we accepted the Lord as our personal Savior at a memorial service that we attended and have been attending there ever since.

How long have you been a chapter leader with SaveOne? 14 years! My first class started in September 2006.

Why have you stayed with SaveOne all these years? At the time that I started SaveOne I was a new Christian. In experiencing the fullness of God's grace and forgiveness, I asked Him "What can I do to help other people who need to be set free from the bondage of abortion know this forgiveness? I will do whatever you ask me to do please show me what I can do" This truly has been Gods call upon my life. I have been called "for such a time as this" and I will stay with it as long as He calls me to it. The incredible blessing that I experience with every SaveOne class is proof that I am right where God wants me to be. The proof is in the fruit!

What has been the greatest challenge in abortion recovery that God has helped you overcome? Well, to be perfectly honest, there are a few....

#1 challenge – spiritual warfare.



We are in the middle of an intense spiritual fight. Satan has had this issue wrapped up on all sides. But the way I look at it is if there is a spiritual battle going on then that means God and His Angels are at work right beside me and God will always win if I trust Him completely to fight the battle. One of the sections of scripture that I teach in my SaveOne class is found in 2 Chronicles 20:1-23, which I believe, is an incredibly powerful outline of how NOT TO fight the battle – but rather, let God fight the battle... *"for the battle is not yours but God's...stand and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf.* Once I handed this battle over to God (I call it "fast from the fight") peace flowed *"Like a spring of water whose waters do not fail"* Isa 58:6 -11 This is the fast He chooses! We are not in control – He is control!

#2 challenge – That I'm going to say the wrong thing. God has proven Himself time and time again. He always comes through! Have faith that He has equipped you "for such a time as this".

#3 challenge – Waiting for women and men to come. When I was waiting for someone to sign up to take my first class in 2006 I was pleading and pleading and pleading with the Lord to bring them, looking for ways to advertise and get the word out, disappointed that SaveOne was not included in our church bulletin yet again, hurt that another new ministry was given much more mention and attention than SaveOne was, on and on and on until God led me to this scripture....”*Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth*” Psalm 46:10 Ok, deep breath, we hear you God! Please give us patience.

What did you learn in that process? Trust, Faith, Patience and, of course, that last one is always the hardest for me.

What is one piece of advice you would give to new chapter leaders that you wish you had when you started? Hang in there! God is at work in ways we don’t see, hear, or know. Keep doing what you know.

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in a SaveOne class, or while you were working with SaveOne? I can’t think of one right off hand. We are always laughing at ourselves. After we get past the first night our classes are full of laughter.

What is the greatest moment that has happened to you in a SaveOne class? There are so many miraculous moments! Two of our gals have gone on to start chapters at their own churches, one of which held fast to the belief that she made the right choice “I don’t regret my abortion” and “It was the right thing to do in those circumstances and I would probably do it again if the circumstances were the same”. She believed that up until week 8! God renewed her by transforming her mind. She started SaveOne at her church in 2012.

One of the greatest moments happened just recently when I met with a young college student who sent me an email with a cry for help. Here is an excerpt...

“...I was raised liberal, and I consider myself a Feminist. I know the logic behind the idea of choice. However, I wanted this child even though I was not legally an adult and in spite of the difficulties that would have been involved in raising her.

I feel like I was stripped of something that was my right, and I don’t know how to get it back.

To this day, I feel depressed, sometimes suicidal, angry, isolated, and lonely.

Can you help me?”

I met her for coffee and told her about SaveOne. She decided to join our class that had started a couple of weeks before so I met with her again to get her caught up before she joined the class that night. The very first question in the book is, “Describe how you picture God at this moment”. She said, “I believe everyone views god in their own way, some might see him as an antlered man in the wilderness, or as an old man with white hair and a beard...” she had investigated Buddhism, Hinduism, even Wiccan so she had all these varied ideas. But as we worked through the first chapter her views began to change. It was at that meeting when I led

her to the Lord! When she heard the truth of the Gospel SHE WAS IN! That very week she began attending church. The next week she joined another Bible study and one of the church Community Groups. She truly is all in!!! She didn't miss one SaveOne class and we have witnessed an amazing transformation in her! She is now ready to join us on our speaking team!

Will you write a prayer for the other SaveOne chapter leaders?

Heavenly Father, Thank you for your amazing grace. We receive it and stand in it wholeheartedly. Thank you for being ever trustworthy. We trust in you to go before us and fight the battle and clear the way for us to go. Give us strength for today to resist the attempts of the enemy to throw us off track. May we stand firm, following hard after you. May we take every opportunity you provide to pray for others, minister to others, serve others, and in doing so bless you.

Thank you, Father, that you have called us to be your beloved daughters and sons, and that you have sent us into the world to be your ministers of healing and messengers of grace and love. What an honor it is to work for you and beside you under the power and guidance of your awesome Holy Spirit. May we be good stewards of the gifts you have given each one of us and use them for your glory.

Thank you for all you have given us. Amen.

The following is a Prayer/Poem that God gave me years ago. I now recite this as an opening prayer to open our Night Of Honor.



Breaking Free

You've unlocked my heart, Lord

This captive you've set free.

It was not my war to wage alone

You won my victory.

When I cried out in brokenness

You drew me to your side.

When confusion fills my soul again

Your peace alone satisfies.

In fear and reverence I approach

To worship before your throne.

Offering you my humble gift

A heart that's not my own.

My fervent prayer is to know you more,

and to bless your holy name.

What you bestow, I'll give back

As a living sacrifice and praise.

You are Lord, you are Redeemer,

Your majesty's untold.

You are Friend, you are Savior,

You are all mine to behold.

-Terri Nordone