

## Grief, Healing and Ezekiel 36:26

After an abortion, a woman may develop a very jaded attitude towards others and herself. Such a huge disappointment in herself or others causes a lack of trust and openness in relationships. Added to that, a woman typically doesn't want anyone to know the secret of her abortion. She develops what scripture calls a heart of stone.

Ezekiel 36:26 says, *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*

In post abortion healing, a woman comes to embrace the very real life of her child and mourn the loss of life. She also comes to forgive herself and others involved in the choice. And she comes to repent of her self-defensive ways of dealing with the abortion. When the process of healing from abortion is complete, God does a wonderful thing. He takes from her the heart of stone and she experiences a heart full of life. Then she begins to truly experience what Jesus calls, the abundant life.