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Here are a few questions to ask yourself as you pray about where to get involved:

1. What are you passionate about?

Can it somehow connect to the pro-life movement?

2. What makes you pound your fist on the table and say, "Someone needs to do something about this"? That someone might be you.

3. What is your story? A lot of times, our purpose is tied to our story.

Look out into the world and see what breaks your heart. Dig in and ask God if your heart is broken because his is too. When your heartbreak becomes a map to find a place to serve, it will set your soul on fire.

Have an open heart, and just start. Take a step and see where the pro-love

path leads; God may show you an opportunity you never knew to look for.

The church isn't a building. People are the church. We represent Jesus wherever we are, and we can play a powerful role in saving lives. We can help prevent unplanned pregnancies by affirming identity and the value of individuals as daughters and sons of a King and by talking about hard topics like sex and abstinence. The church can be one of the first places a girl runs to when she finds out she has an unplanned pregnancy; it should never be the place she avoids because of shame and guilt.

We can help women be brave and choose life. We can reach out and invite these women and men into a spiritual family. We can help heal past hurts and wounds because free people free people, pointing to the good news of forgiveness in Christ. And we can help practically by giving single or struggling moms support so they don't just survive, they thrive. If we join together, using all the strengths and gifts God put inside each of us, we can push the tipping point back toward life. And back toward love.

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