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The New Abortion Study Reflects Activism Masquerading as Science By Theresa Burke, Ph.D.

A recent study stating that abortion is found to have little effect on women's mental health has received worldwide circulation. Just about every news source and Professional alerts for clinicians carried an assertive declaration that Abortion does not have any negative impact and therefore there is no need for any legislative efforts to warn women.

["Abortion is found to have little effect on women's mental health"](#) – New York Times

["Abortion doesn't negatively affect women's mental health: Study"](#) – Time

["New study shows abortion doesn't make women depressed – Lack of access does"](#) – Mother Jones

The way this particular study is being promoted by the media it is clear that they are engaging in activism masquerading as research. Such a study certainly reinforces the proclivity of an agenda driven to advance abortion by The Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health. After all, they are dedicated to the cause of proliferating population control throughout the world.

Sadly the suggestion that there are no mental health risks associated with abortion is misleading and irresponsible.

In an even greater leap to achieve a political agenda, the authors erroneously conclude: "There is no evidence to justify laws that require women seeking abortion to be forewarned about negative psychological responses."

This is certainly a dangerous and paternalistic attitude toward women! Every woman has a right to full informed consent as they make a decision about an elective procedure that cannot be reversed.

The study fails to investigate what those who complain of problems actually have to say for themselves. In this particular study, Dr. Martha Shuping points out, "that out of 3,016 women, the vast majority refused to participate in the study in the first place and many others dropped out after it began so that by the end of the study only 18% of the original sample had completed the interviews.

EVEN though the women were offered a fifty dollar gift certificate for each interview. When the majority of the study group either declines to participate, or drops out along the way, there is something wrong, and that is not a study you can rely on.”

A worldwide [meta-analysis](#) was conducted by Dr. Priscilla Coleman, a research psychologist at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Using a standardized statistical technique for combining the results of multiple studies in a meta-analysis, the findings revealed that women with a history of abortion face higher rates of anxiety (34 percent higher) and depression (37 percent higher), heavier alcohol (110 percent higher) and marijuana (230 percent higher) use, and higher rates of suicidal behavior (155 percent higher).

Dr. Coleman’s study also found that women who delivered an unplanned pregnancy were significantly less likely to have mental health problems than were similar women who aborted unplanned pregnancies. Women with a history of abortion were 55 percent more likely to have mental health problems than women who did not abort an unplanned pregnancy.

The American Psychological task force [report on abortion](#) has affirmed the reality that there are at least fifteen risk factors for greater psychological distress following an abortion. Unless doctors or counselors carefully screen for known risk factors, it is impossible for them to properly evaluate the potential risks of abortion relative to each individual woman’s unique medical and psycho-social profile.

To intentionally dismiss all the available world-wide data is unconscionable. Tragically, the widespread ignorance and denial regarding abortions consequences will contribute to the problem of even more women being coerced into unwanted abortions. When doctors, families, boyfriends, spouses, counselors, and health care workers mistakenly believe that all women can have an abortion with no side effects, they are more likely to mislead, manipulate and pressure women into unwanted abortions. This is especially critical because 64% of American women who have abortions felt pressure by others -- including threats and violent physical assault.

As the founder of Rachel’s Vineyard which offers retreats for healing after abortion, I have spent over 30 years listening to thousands of stories revealing heartache and grief from women (and men) who have suffered the loss of a child by abortion. Our retreats have spread to over 70 countries and are offered in 36 languages – and they have been spread by the women and men who experienced healing by releasing their repressed grief and emotional pain with others who understood the prolonged conspiracy of silence. Researchers of this study didn’t bother to look at the confounding variables or pose their questions in a way so as to surface the deeper issues we routinely witness on our retreats.

Post traumatic stress disorder and emotional avoidance are closely related; specifically, the avoidance of thoughts, feelings or conversations about the traumatic event, as well as places or people who bring the event to mind.

Women considering abortion would be best served by acknowledging the scientific evidence, and screening for the well-documented risk factors that may put them at high probability for developing psychological problems after abortion. Women should also have access and information to other supportive services that do not invade their physical and psychological integrity.

Theresa Burke, Ph.D.

Author: Forbidden Grief – The unspoken pain of abortion

*Please click the link to watch EWTN's News Nightly, where Dr. Theresa Burke was interviewed regarding the JAMA study.

https://youtu.be/w2mvR0QsWOg?list=PL9CQlldupe5_STtOyJ3gnmbEWyFDpRzw-



**"God is our refuge and strength,
an ever present help in trouble."**

~ Psalm 46:1



Through a Mirror Dimly: Pro-Choice Men and Abortion Grief

By Kevin Burke, LSW

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. (Corinthians 13:12)

The Huffington Post has a story by Hugo Schwyzer on a Father's experience of abortion loss.

The title of this piece – *The Child Who Wasn't: Pro-Choice Men and Abortion Grief* – is the first indication of the challenges the author faces in trying to understand his abortion loss within the context of pro-abortion ideology.

Despite this deference to “choice” one would expect to find in a HuffPo piece, from the very beginning, we learn that Hugo desperately wanted to parent the baby.

He shares this exchange with his then 16 year old girlfriend, April:

“No one will believe we can do it,” I told April, “but I know we can... It would be hard but we'd make it work. People our age had been having babies for millennia.”

Hugo was a sensitive, caring and decent young man who was ready to accept the responsibility as parent. While still young and immature like most teenagers, he was already acting like a father and exploring practical ways to take care of their baby.

Sadly, as the story reveals, he learned from his abortion experience that he now must pay homage to the sacred tenets of “choice.” Whatever the women decides is the wise decision...is the “only decision”:

“One of the small and repeated unkindnesses of my life has been forcing the women I love to be practical in the face of my optimistic fantasies. April was a wise 16 (she is a wise 48 now, a tenured professor of psychology), and though she let herself daydream for a moment, she knew before I did that there was only one possible decision. “

Hugo learns that he must ridicule and dismiss his natural instinct to protect, provide and parent this child. Hugo now sees his “optimistic fantasies” to father their child as just the ramblings of a naïve school boy – rather than the desperate pleas of a father for his child's life.

Reinforcing Complicated Grief

Abortion is not a normal experience of grief – it is a *complicated grief*. It is often a closely guarded secret.

With a natural experience of death you are at least given the opportunity to acknowledge that there has been a loss, express your painful feelings, and find support moving through that experience. There are religious rituals, social supports, expressions of concern and compassion that all help in the grieving process.

Any attempt to acknowledge the unique humanity of the unborn child, and any feelings of regret and loss after abortion, are often met with dismissal and hostility by those who are pro-abortion.

Society, and often friends and family can collude to further complicate post abortion grief by dismissing and even shaming those that share any painful feelings or regret after abortion.

This is necessary as this truth threatens the constructs of individual denial, and strikes at the foundational lies of the abortion movement.

Hugo shares of the response of a friend and April the mother of their baby on what would have been the due date of their child:

“I was not prepared for February 7, 1986. The week that our baby would have been due, I felt a hot, grinding heaviness in my chest. I saw children on the street and I cried. I told a friend, and she looked at me strangely. “There never was a baby to cry for,” she said, “you’re romanticizing a clump of cells.”

I called April to talk about it, and she got angry: “I’m not upset, and I was the one who was pregnant! It’s ridiculous for you to be sad.”

Note how the friend coldly dismisses his grief. The mother of the child, April is not ready to deal with the reality of her loss as a mother. Hugo’s grief is threatening the weak and tottering scaffolding of her denial, and feeling threatened, she also ridicules and shames Hugo for openly expressing his grief.

Relationship Fallout

As is often the case, the toxic effects of the abortion seep deep into the relationship, like radio-active fallout. An abortion is an intimate experience of death and loss at the heart of a couple’s emotional, physical and spiritual union. Couples often stay together as they try to recapture the love, joy and pleasure that brought them together and in their union conceived a child.

Sadly, the symptoms of their complicated grief and inability to acknowledge and grieve this most intimate loss together (while it may initially keep them together as an unconscious memorial of the aborted child) naturally leads to relationship dysfunction:

“The abortion knocked precisely no sense into either of us. April and I stayed together another year — a year marked by chronic cheating, fights, and slow disillusionment. She had a second abortion, not mine.”

Angry exchanges, infidelity and as Hugo puts it, “slow disillusionment” soon follow. April, predictably acts out her repressed and forbidden post abortion pain and grief in a sexual affair, and suffers another abortion loss.

The relationship, like their unborn child, is over time also aborted.

On The Precipice of Recovery

It is in the final segment of Hugo’s story, that we see him come up to the precipice of abortion recovery.

Once again, he must bow down to pro abortion ideology:

“I can long for the child that was conceived but never born and still be so grateful that April made the decision that she did. The right thing, the best thing, often leaves a mark that fades but never vanishes.”

Yet, in the very next line he shares:

“For more than 30 years, I’ve dreamt about this child who might have come in early 1986.”

We see Hugo wrestle in his story with the truth of his daughter’s loss and his pro abortion ideology. Sadly, he has learned from the time of his first abortion, when his grief was rejected, to downplay and dismiss the deeper meaning of his losses:

“This is selective sentiment— I never dream about the children who might have been born from other, later abortions for which I was responsible. Sometimes I dream it would have been a son, sometimes a daughter.”

It is not selective sentiment.

His subsequent abortions reveal another dynamic of post-abortion complications that pro-abortion supporters fail to understand – the relationship between complicated grief and repeat abortion procedures. (Remember that April also had at least one repeat abortion we know of during the one year dating period after her first procedure with Hugo.)

When a woman or man has that first abortion, and is unable to find a deeper emotional and spiritual healing of that loss, they are more likely to find themselves involved in future abortion procedures.

The most recent statistics from the Alan Guttmacher Institute reveal that 47% of abortions are repeat procedures.

Dr Theresa Burke explored the dynamics of repeat abortions in her book *Forbidden Grief*. Theresa shares that abortion in these cases becomes part of an unconscious process to gain mastery over the experience and feelings associated with the initial abortion trauma – to feel a sense of control, and over time, detached indifference.

Yet the symptoms of complicated grief and emotional trauma after abortion feed dysfunctional behaviors and relationships that make repeat abortions more likely. Like April’s mother, these losses, if not properly grieved and reconciled, may lead to multiple experiences of abortion over time.

Hugo's Dream...Through a Mirror Dimly

Despite his public pro abortion stance, Hugo Schwyzer's closing segment reveals that on a deeper level, beyond the rationalizations of the intellect, his heart and soul are calling him to a deeper reconciliation and healing of his abortion losses:

"A few years ago, I had a dream that I was hiking in the hills near my family's ranch in the Bay Area. I was alone; it was a warm spring day, golden poppies and lupine carpeted the hillsides. I came to a summit, and my late father and a young woman in her late 20s were sitting on two rocks, talking quietly. They looked up as I approached, and I knew at once that the young woman was she who was never born. They smiled as I got closer, but their smiles suggested I was interrupting. I wanted to sit and listen, but my father shook his head.

"Huggle," he said, calling me by my childhood nickname. "You need to go back. We'll come along in a bit."

Without the benefit of an abortion recovery program, Hugo will not be able to fully understand and receive the truth of this very important dream. Sadly, he remains constrained by his pro-abortion ideology.

Drawing upon my experience in Rachel's Vineyard with women and men around the world who have made the emotional and spiritual journey to healing, I believe there is a deeper meaning to Hugo's dream:

– His father's comments were an admonition and also a warning.

"You need to go back." There is spiritual and emotional healing work still left for you to do. Reconcile with God, reconcile with my granddaughter and the other children that you aborted.

– Hugo senses in his dream an exclusive spiritual intimacy of his father and his aborted daughter (each seated on a rock) – that he intrudes upon and does not yet enjoy. He does not yet possess this intimacy which is a fruit of a deeper reconciliation with God and healing of his abortion losses.

– The dream may also serve as an intimate and loving warning:

We will come along soon "Huggles" ...prepare...get ready.

– The father's use of Hugo's childhood nickname Huggles may reflect his hidden desire to return to a state of spiritual simplicity and innocence. Hugo hungers to have this loss healed, his soul cleansed of the toxic effects of participating in abortions, and longs to return to a child-like peace with his heavenly Father.

The Meadow of Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard is a comprehensive emotional and spiritual healing program for abortion loss developed by Theresa Burke, Ph.D. Women, men, grandparents, and anyone who desires healing and reconciliation from an abortion loss are welcome. It is a time for sharing the truth of one's heart and soul in a safe and non-judgmental setting.

Despite the concerns and misunderstanding Hugo expressed in the article about programs for abortion loss, there is no political or social commentary or agenda as part of any reputable recovery program.

If Hugo ever attends a weekend program, he will find compassionate, caring individuals, many who have experienced abortion loss and understand his fears, concerns and suffering.

The weekend activities and exercises of Rachel's Vineyard facilitate a healthy expression of grief and other painful emotions, reconciliation with the Creator of life, and developing a spiritual relationship with one's aborted children.

While people of other faiths and beliefs are welcome, the retreat is in a Christian context. This spiritual component is essential to reconcile and heal this complicated loss. The weekend features bible based meditations and therapeutic exercises that help participants move through painful feelings and years of denial, isolation and secrecy. Each step in the program prepares them for an intimate and healing encounter with their aborted children.

An Open Invitation


Hugo: *"I had a dream that I was hiking in the hills near my family's ranch in the Bay Area. I was alone; it was a warm spring day, golden poppies and lupine carpeted the hillsides."*

I was struck by this scene because it is very similar to one of the more moving and spiritually powerful exercises on the Rachel's Vineyard Weekend, entitled Meeting Our Children with Christ.


As participants travel in this meditation through a dark forest, they come upon rolling hills of flowers with a supernatural, heavenly beauty. They then discover a great meadow where they meet their children who appear gathered in joy with the Risen Lord Jesus.

I hope and pray that one day Hugo, and all men and women wounded by abortion, will make the journey to this healing meadow.

Article originally posted at: <http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/shockwaves/june/through-mirror-dimly.aspx>



**"I believe in Christ as I believe that the sun has risen,
not only because I see it, but because by it I can see everything else."
~ C.S. Lewis**



Rachel's Vineyard Recommends: Essential Oils



I've been working in healing ministries for over 30 years! I've learned a lot along the way, and I'm always open to learning about things that can help those who suffer trauma. On a recent Grief to Grace Retreat I met a wonderful and vivacious woman named Jennifer Browner. Jennifer came for her own healing from abuse, but she bought a chest of essential oils and was sharing them with all the participants.

A friend of mine had introduced me to essential oils for migraine headaches, and I found that using peppermint oil on the back of my neck and the temples of my forehead could alleviate or drastically improve a headache almost instantly! I have been sharing these on many retreats for those who get headaches when they cry.

Because our healing programs deal with multi layers of traumatic experience, we have learned that by stimulating the senses of sight, smell, taste, touch and hearing that we can help keep people grounded as they approach painful traumatic memories. Our retreats have used perfumed oils, rose petals, incense etc. to stimulate smell. Once I learned how to diffuse pure essential oils to assist with different emotions, I started using them on all our retreats, as well as with my patients in my counseling office.

Jenn is an invaluable resource for making recommendations for how to use the oils, and how they can assist with calming various needs. I wanted to recommend them to our readers as I introduce Jenn:

Jenn, when we met on your retreat, I will never forget how you went up to each participant and as they shared their particular struggles with you, that you had a remedy for each of them. Everyone that you ministered to felt so much better!

Jenn: Yes, that was such a joy to me on retreat! I just recently completed my Grief to Grace retreat in Phoenix in August of 2016. I am also a Wellness Advocate with doTERRA essential oils and have found them to be a key component to managing the grief, anxiety and depressive feelings that have accompanied me throughout my own journey. They were such a blessing to so many on our retreat for both physical needs such as immunity and body soreness, and especially for our emotional support. I can help others get started with what they might need.

There were and are several essential oils that we have been using for both physical health and emotional healing. This is simply a beginning resource list for those who continue their journey toward wholeness:

Sleep: So essential for our emotional stability, clear thinking and sustainable energy and immune function. Oils that can assist with healthy sleep cycles are:

Lavender/Lemon, Vetiver, Balance, Cedarwood, Clary Sage, Serenity (newly formulated Restful Blend; also in a supplement form that has been through the Gold standard of medical testing; double blind/placebo, etc.) and found effective with no side effects as it is not a medication!

Emotional Support: there are tools (an emotional wheel) and even a new App for your phone to help you determine which oils will best support your mood at any given moment.

doTERRA's daily drop App has a sliding scale of different emotions to help you determine which oils to use once you've entered in the different emotions you're having. It will offer suggestions.

Balance, Serenity, Citrus Bliss and Elevation are the 4 original mood management oils. There are 6 new oils in the emotional aromatherapy kit, that are all blends to help uplift, console, calm, energize, relax, etc. They are available in 5 mL bottles or new roller bottles for easy application. They are:

Console, Forgive, Peace, Cheer, Passion, and Motivate

There are many other oils to help us with our emotions such as the Breathe blend for grief. A fantastic resource is this book (and emotional wheel)

https://www.aromatools.com/Set_Emotions_Essential_Oils_Book_CD_and_Wheel_p/8991setk.htm

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I count this as a blessing and even a ministry to assist others with their journey to health, wholeness and healing (I'm right there on the path too!) So please feel free to contact me so that I can help you and your family create a house of healing in your own home. There are 2 ways to order: RETAIL and WHOLESale.

You can order retail right from my website and the oils will come straight from doTERRA, but few people do this as it is only \$35 for a yearly wholesale membership (like Costco) and those prices are 25% below retail. There is no obligation to purchase again. February is an incredible month to join as I have a voucher code for \$100 in free oils for those who purchase this month and next. It's really very easy and I can walk you through it over the phone.

www.mydoterra.com/jenniferbrowner (this is my website and it has great intro videos if you are new to the world of how Therapeutic essential oils work)

My contact info: Jennifer Browner housesofhealingdt@gmail.com 810-588-9239 (call and leave a message or text is fine too)

May God continue to bless us all on our journeys to wholeness and healing so that our gifts and light may bless others! Courage!



**"Although the world is full of suffering,
it is full also of overcoming it."**

~ Helen Keller



A Message from the Pastoral Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a glorious March for Life we had in Washington DC, and Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco! The crowds were upbeat and enthusiastic, and at both events the *Silent No More Awareness Campaign*, a joint project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life, held gatherings at which fathers, mothers, and siblings shared their experiences of the pain of abortion and the healing that can come after it.

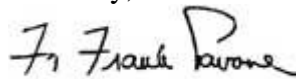
Time after time, Rachel's Vineyard was mentioned by these brave individuals as the ministry that led them to hope and healing. Many media outlets covered these testimonies, and many pro-life activists took these messages back to their own communities, churches, pro-life groups, newsletters, and blogs.

Rachel's Vineyard continues to lead the way among the ministries dedicated to bringing hope and healing after abortion.

This month, I will be privileged to teach a course at one of the Pontifical Universities in Rome, about the spirituality of pro-life. A key part of that spirituality is the commitment to lead people to healing. Once again, Rachel's Vineyard will be prominent.

Thank you for all you do for this ministry.

Sincerely,



Fr. Frank Pavone
National Director, Priests for Life
Pastoral Director, Rachel's Vineyard



"We are never defeated unless we give up on God."

~ Ronald Reagan



A February Appeal

In February, we celebrate St. Valentine on Valentine's Day. This is a day of sharing and celebrating love. However, this holiday may serve as a painful reminder to those who have suffered the loss of abortion.

If you or someone you know is hurting, please encourage them to reach out to Rachel's Vineyard. Rachel's Vineyard is a non-judgmental, supportive place to find love, hope, and healing after abortion.

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Online www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate

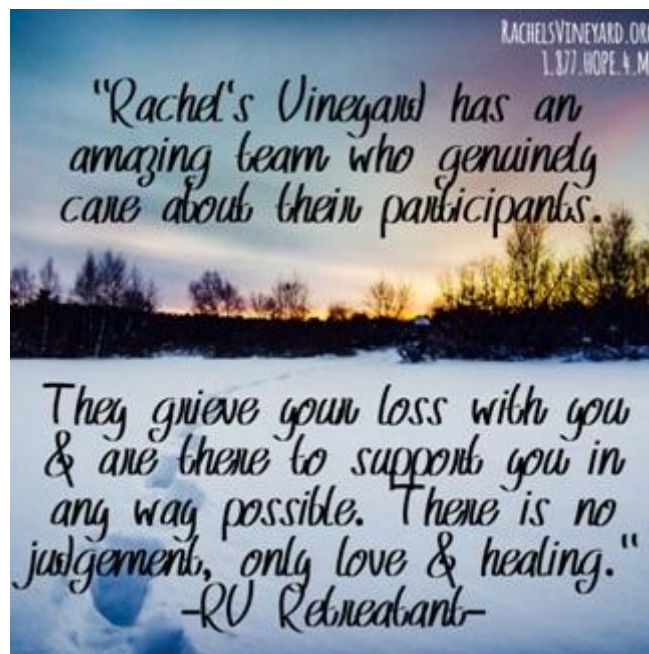
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**"To change the world we must
be good to those who cannot repay us."**

~ Pope Francis

Rachel's Vineyard in Social Media



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Instagram: www.instagram.com/rvhealing



**"To trust that everything that happens to us is for our good, is hope."
~ Mother Angelica**




United in Prayer


Please pray for the repose of **Sandy Buza**'s soul. Sandy was a site leader in Saginaw, MI. Our prayers and love are with Sandy, and all those who were touched by her beautiful life.

Rachel's Vineyard retreats have been offered in Taiwan for the past 10 years. During the November 2016 retreat weekend, two Sisters traveled from Hong Kong to attend the retreat. They came to receive Jesus' healing and were blessed by His forgiveness. These Sisters also wanted to bring Rachel's Vineyard to Hong Kong. The wonderful team members on the Taiwan team, who are also members of Women for Life Taiwan, have offered to pay their own way to assist on the first Hong Kong retreat. In August 2017, Hong Kong hopes to hold their very first Rachel's Vineyard retreat!

Our prayers are with all of our magnificent teams around the world, that they may continue to grow and strengthen, while sharing the love, support and healing of Rachel's Vineyard.



**"Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am,
who I want to be, and what i can do,
and use it for a purpose greater than myself."
~ Martin Luther King, Jr.**



Upcoming Grief to Grace Retreats
Healing the Wounds of Abuse
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www.GriefftoGrace.org

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February 5th - 10th February 2017

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March 5-10, 2017

Tasmania, Australia

Contact: info@griegtograceaus.org.au

March 26-31, 2017

Kelowna, BC, Canada

Contact: G2GKelowna@gmail.com

Call: 250-878-7603

May 4-7, 2017

Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

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August 20-25, 2017

Phoenix, AZ

Contact: Aryn Sylvester

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July 9-14, 2017

October 1-6, 2017



**"The pain that you've been feeling can't compare to the joy that's coming."
~ Romans 8:18**



Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Training Events

Anaheim, CA - Guest Speaker

On February 25, 2017 Dr. Theresa Burke will be presenting at the Religious Education Congress.

To register online: www.recongress.org

For more information, email: congress@la-archdiocese.org

Sydney, Australia – Team Training

On **April 2, 2017** Dr. Theresa Burke will conduct a **Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Training** for Retreat practitioners from Australasian retreat teams including retreat facilitators and teams, administration and ancillary staff and volunteers.



"Part of walking with Jesus
is growing in faith."
~ Lauren Gaskill



Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

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Sunday, February 5, 2017

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Note: Retreat held in Danville, CA

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Sunday, February 19, 2017

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Sunday, February 19, 2017

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