

Abortion Victims Share Stories of Healing in New Reality TV Series

There are plenty of reality shows on television, from *Survivor* to *The Bachelor* to *The Biggest Loser*. But a new Christian series from an Emmy-award winning producer of *October Baby* chronicles the lives of women dealing with past abortions.

KnockTV, LLC earlier this month announced the co-production of a new groundbreaking Christian reality television series following five women who tell their stories about having abortions in their past, and take a healing journey together.

The project was announced jointly by KnockTV's President and CEO, Geoffrey Rogers, and Emmy Award-winning producer and owner of Tentmakers Entertainment, Cecil Stokes, whose latest project was the feature film *October Baby*.

The 10-episode series, titled *Surrender the Secret*, lives up to its name, as these five women surrender their deepest, darkest secrets, and admit to aborting a past pregnancy. Each episode is unique because of the different exercises they complete in a Bible study written specifically for women who have had an abortion.

"Following the success of the feature film *October Baby*, my eyes were opened to the multitude of women around the country who had buried the secret of abortion deep inside," Stokes said. "Audiences flocked to us wanting to share their stories, many for the first time. These women needed a voice and *Surrender the Secret* gives them that voice."

The women form a tight bond and embrace each other as they go on this journey together. They share their abortion stories, work through anger, receive forgiveness and allow God's love

to set them free from the bondages of their past decisions.

“With 43 percent of women of childbearing age in the U.S. having had an abortion, *Surrender the Secret* will be a show of great interest,” Rogers noted. “For the first time, women who have had an abortion and thought it was the right choice at that time, express the long-term effects of their decision and how it hurt them.”

Production is now completed, with the episodes being finalized over the next several months. The series will premiere on KnockTV on Jan. 22, the 40th anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, the landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court that legalized abortion in 1973.

“I am proud of every project I have ever worked on, but none of them have the power of *Surrender the Secret*,” Stokes added. “This is a show about truth, deception, identity and forgiveness. As the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* approaches, we are turning our focus to the women who made a decision that left them forever changed, and are now seeking healing from the one true source of life. It is with no hesitation that I call this series *groundbreaking*.”

The new Internet television network will make *Surrender the Secret* available on computers, mobile and handheld devices, on-demand 24/7 once an episode is released on the network’s website, .

Given the sensitivity of the show’s content, this type of availability will be tremendous for those who may want to watch in private and on their own time.

“Division over the abortion debate in the U.S. continues, but rarely is the voice heard from the tens of millions of women who have had an abortion,” Rogers said. “The shame surrounding abortion causes so many women to protect their identity and deny their actions, leaving the painful effects of abortion hidden from most of society.

"Surrender the Secret speaks from experience, while exposing the untold truths about having an abortion, and reveals the consequences of how it affects those who have them. While the women in this series may be the first to share their secrets in this way, there are untold millions of women throughout this country and the world who will relate to them, and are in need of the hope that that this show will offer."