

## Thinking about Being a Midwife?

These questions are for you to think about and discuss with your partner or husband. Feel free to talk to me about them if you want to bounce ideas around. I got them from a book called *Becoming a Midwife* by Carolyn Steiger.

Who will care for your children during the extra-long days of prenatal and postnatal appointments?

What happens if you are called at 3am? What happens when your husband/partner awakens at 6am and must not only leave for work, but also get the kids together and off to a sitter?

Does your husband work on evenings, weekends, or holidays? What if you are called then?

What if you are called to a birth and there is no answer when you call your childcare person?

Who will pick up the children after school?

What if your mate leaves for work at 7am, you are called to a birth at 7:30am (and the woman has very short labors) and your 5 year old isn't picked up by the school bus until 8:30am?

It is the night before Halloween, you've left costume making until now. You are called on a long labor and birth. What happens now?