

# TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

Jim and Lisa were in love, but they hadn't had intercourse. In fact, neither had had intercourse with anyone. They had a lot of fun together and were taking it slow. Lisa went to work at the shore for the summer. They had planned to write, talk on the phone, and resume their relationship in the fall.

At the shore Lisa met Joe, a really hot guy. Joe was everybody's ideal and very experienced. Their relationship became sexual very quickly. Joe made it very clear that sex was part of the deal and as Lisa was saying "no", they had intercourse. Lisa was swept away with being Joe's girl and the romance dominated the summer. But when it was over, Joe made it clear that that was the end of it. He had other plans back at college.

Lisa returned home, confused, guilty, and unable to tell Jim about the summer romance. A week later Joe called to say he had Gonorrhea, and that Lisa better have herself checked. Lisa panicked. She waited a week and when no symptoms appeared she decided she was probably o.k.

Meanwhile, Lisa and Jim had resumed their relationship and Lisa realized that her love for Jim was real. Her summer infatuation was definitely over. It was not an entirely pleasant memory. When she and Jim began to move towards intercourse, Lisa said they had better use condoms. Jim refused. Condoms were for people who slept around. She tried to persuade him, but could not change his mind. The problem was that Jim knew Lisa was taking the pill in order to prevent bad menstrual cramps. Lisa did not know what reason to give for using condoms without telling Jim about the summer romance.

Lisa tried to talk with her mom. Lisa said she knew a girl who thought she might have an STD. Her mom said "that is exactly what happens with all of these kids having sex these days." Lisa said no more.

In health class they were due for some lessons on STDs, but Mr. Bennett was not very comfortable talking about sex. Furthermore he thought that all this teaching about safer sex really gave kids permission to go ahead and do it. Somehow he used up the eight weeks of health teaching about the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

Finally Lisa gave in. She and Jim had intercourse without using any protection. In two weeks Jim reported an itching and burning in his penis.

Jim \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa \_\_\_\_\_ Joe \_\_\_\_\_ Mom \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Bennett \_\_\_\_\_

