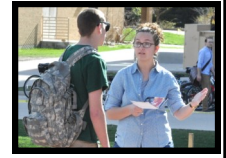




# Cheryl Kaye's Reflections



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## Getting “Dirty”

Dear Family and Friends,

A woman approached my car and asked me this question: “Do you have some change so I can buy some food?”

The question caught me off guard. I was focused on getting home and was hesitant to respond, but as I looked up into the tired and soiled face of this older woman, I felt compelled to help. I asked if I could take her

to a nearby restaurant and buy her something to eat instead of giving her change. She readily agreed and while we waited for her food to come, she told me her name was Heidi. Our time together was short, but I think during the ten minutes we spent together she must have thanked

me at least fifteen times. Before she left I asked if I could give her a hug. As I hugged her, it seemed that she hadn't been shown this kind of love for a long time. As she was leaving, she looked at me with wonder in her eyes. It was as though she couldn't believe that I had taken time to show her that I cared.

As I drove away from helping Heidi, I felt two distinct emotions. The first emotion was joy. I think I felt just as blessed (if not more) as Heidi

did. Serving her made my day. The second emotion, however, was not nearly as pleasant. I felt sorrow. My heart hurt for Heidi because of the loneliness and struggle she faces daily.

I was still thinking about my interaction with Heidi several days later when the Justice For All (JFA) staff met together to pray. One of my colleagues began to share a prayer request for a friend of his. This friend was going to places where it is

extremely challenging to spread the Gospel. The JFA staff then spent several minutes discussing how far and to what places Christians should go to spread the love of Jesus. It was then that another one of my colleagues spoke up and said something that pricked my heart:



I had a great opportunity to mentor a high school student in the midst of this conversation at Louisiana State University.

**“It all comes down to how dirty we are willing to get.”**

I then began thinking about what it means to get “dirty” in the midst of people's lives. Am I willing to love those whom God places in my path? The annoying person? The needy person? The apathetic person? The pro-choice person? I realized that, honestly, I really would just rather stay “clean” and uninvolved in tough situations.

I then thought of my meeting with Heidi. I remembered how thankful I was that God had laid it upon my heart to help her, even when I was in a hurry and hesitant. I also thought of many conversations I've had with pro-choice or post-abortive people. Yes, the conversations were difficult, but was it worth it to get "dirty" and try to understand and love them?



I had a good time talking with this pro-life student at Wichita State University!

YES!!! It was definitely worth it. With Heidi, I saw how deeply it touched her and prayed that it would point her to Jesus. With those who are pro-choice or post-abortive, I've seen some of them change their minds about the abortion issue. Many of them leave the conversation saying it's the best conversation on abortion they've ever had and they thank me for listening and responding to their concerns. The fruit of these conversations outweighs the difficulty of having them.

If this is true, then why do I hide?

I think I naturally want to protect myself from hard situations - we all do. But that's not what Jesus calls us to do. He says, "**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.**" (Luke 10:27, ESV). It's our love for God that should cause us to love those around us in a real and full way.

This means getting "dirty" in the midst of people's lives. We may need to ask questions and listen to understand, or we may need to challenge the false things they believe with a spirit of humility.

We are definitely called to be faithful examples of the love of Christ. I'm learning daily that doing the hard thing and intentionally loving people brings joy.

My time with JFA is teaching me about what it means to love those who disagree with me, whether we disagree on life issues, morality, or our beliefs about God. I am learning to graciously present the Truth to each person. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. Because of you, I have amazing opportunities to help change hearts and save the lives of the unborn.

By God's grace, I'm going to go get "dirty" by loving those around me and by being present to their hearts. **I challenge you to do the same - love Jesus and love others.**

Love in Jesus,

*Cheryl Kaye*

P.S. Please see the enclosed report on the successful JFA Summer Internship. I was very thankful that I was able to participate and I learned so much!

*"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."  
-Colossians 2:6-7, ESV*

### Results of My Support Raising Efforts to Date

- As of September 25th, I have reached **57%** of my support-raising goal. This means I need to raise just over \$750 per month before I can start full-time work with JFA.
- **Will you help me get to 100% of my support goal? Can you introduce me to at least one pro-life friend who might be interested in supporting my work?**

**If you are not yet a part of my support team, please prayerfully consider joining!**