

Extending the JFA Exhibit

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Jennifer and I met Sam¹ during a Justice For All (JFA) Exhibit at the University of Colorado. Sam was a freshman who did not have much knowledge of Christianity or Jesus Christ.

The only religious influence he had experienced came from his mother's involvement with Jehovah Witnesses. As Jennifer and I talked with Sam, it became clear that he was wrestling with the questions brought up concerning abortion and life.

We quickly sensed his tender heart, and the conversation turned to spiritual questions. Before he left for class, Jennifer felt led to ask Sam if we could pray for him, and afterward I gave him a tract with my e-mail encouraging him to please contact us if he had questions.

Not long after returning to Colorado Springs, Sam did e-mail us! He said that no one had ever prayed for him and that it really meant a lot. He felt like we had something which he wanted to learn more about.

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We arranged an afternoon the next weekend to drive to Boulder and meet Sam for lunch. Jennifer and I felt it was important for a guy's influence to be involved, so David, another Institute student, came with us.

We gave him a Bible that afternoon, and with a surprised look on his face he told us he couldn't believe people

he had just met were giving him something. Sam still had a lot of questions, but the Lord was developing relationships and working in his heart.

Sam returned to FOFI to join us all for our last family dinner of the semester, and when he entered the dining room, everyone stood up cheering and welcoming him into God's family.

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Jennifer and I visited FOFI the next semester and drove to Boulder to see Sam, and while we were there, we met his small group leader from Campus Crusade for Christ.

It was neat to hear how Sam had been growing in his relationship with the Lord over the past several months, and we thanked the Lord for answering our prayers with Sam for a community of believers to walk beside him in his faith.

The Holy Spirit can lead people to Christ in a moment, but often He builds relationships which enable people to truly feel God's love and His desire for a personal relationship with them.

When you meet people at the JFA exhibit, I encourage you to think about the relationship opportunity and ask the Lord to make you sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading. With each conversation lies the possibility of a new friendship and brother or sister in Christ!

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