



“How could God forgive me?”

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“Why do you show the pictures of abortion?” was her simple question.

Adjoa, an ebony-skinned student at Colorado State University, had approached me while I was taking pictures of our staff who were about to take down the Justice For All Exhibit.

“Well, our main goal in putting up The Exhibit is to be able to talk to people in the same way that you and I are talking right now. But even for people who do not stop to talk, I think it is still valuable for them to see what abortion does to the unborn,” I said.

“Have you ever thought about how this will affect women who have had an abortion?”

“Yes, all of the time,” I said hesitantly. “Because of that, we have women here who have had abortions themselves. We do want to reach women who have had that experience.”

That was when she told me that she had had an abortion. I told her that I was sorry about what had happened to her. I showed sympathy while still admitting that I could not personally relate to her experience. I asked what she would want someone like me to know about her experience.

Then she told me about how she had become depressed after her abortion, and that she had felt very alone. What really broke my heart was when she said that she believed in God but did not think he could forgive her for having had the abortion.

“I believe in God too, Adjoa,” I said, “but I believe with certainty that God is willing to forgive you.”

“How could he?” she asked, tears in her eyes.

“Do you know who Jesus is?”

“Yes.”

“He asked God to forgive the people who killed him, so why would he not also wish for God to forgive your abortion?”

I asked Adjoa if I could introduce Nancy Anstett to her. Nancy is one of our volunteers in Colorado who has abortion in her past. When Adjoa nodded, I brought Nancy to her, and after introducing her, I excused myself. I was glad to see them settle down for a long talk.

I found out later from Nancy that Adjoa is still living with the man who fathered their aborted baby. He is distant and does not want to talk about it. She got pregnant during her first year of college and did not want to disappoint her parents by dropping out. Now that she is about to graduate, she is regretting the decision to abort her baby.

Statistically, I knew that women like Adjoa were out there, but talking to Adjoa face-to-face reminded me of why it is so important to go and find them.

Whom do *you* know who is regretting an abortion decision? It might not be a woman. I talked to several men in Tucson, Arizona recently who regretted their involvement with abortion. The pain is everywhere. If you believe with me that God is willing to forgive, then we have hope to share.

We are partners in these efforts to find those who desperately need to hear the good news. Thank you for sending me, and enabling me to equip others to do this important work of sharing Christ’s love with a hurting and dying world.

In Christ,



The JFA team at Colorado State University.