

Prayer & Praise:

- Last month I met a couple at a local abortion clinic. Just before Thanksgiving I took them to a pregnancy center where they decided to keep their baby. Praise God! Pray for this Thanksgiving couple.
- Dr. Harry Davis, a friend and colleague, passed away after a long battle with cancer. Dr. Davis was a faithful Christian and a leader in the pro-life movement for over 35 years. Pray for his family.

“What do you think about abortion?” I asked.

“I’m pro choice, but I’ve never really thought about it,” Allen said.

“Do you think abortion should be legal through all nine months?”

“No.”

Allen was a sophomore at the University of Georgia. He went on to explain that he didn’t think abortion should remain legal for gender or “race” selection either. Just because someone does not want a baby with a certain gender or skin color is no reason to kill that baby, he explained.

“I agree with you,” I said. “Those are bad reasons for abortion. It sounds like there’s a lot we agree on. We both believe that whether a child is wanted or unwanted should not determine the child’s value. So, Allen, what is it that determines a child’s value?”

“I don’t know,” he said. “What do you think?”

This is the first time Allen had asked me a question. Until this point I had been asking him questions, and I had not tried to

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contradict any of his beliefs. Since he asked, I told him.

“Allen, if you look at human history, there have been times when things like ethnicity, parentage, and geographical location have been used to justify treating some people as less than human. Those same reasons have even been used to justify genocide. In contrast, I believe that we should not kill *any* innocent human beings. All humans have the same intrinsic value because they are human. If we can agree that it is wrong to kill humans, then isn’t it wrong to kill the unborn? Aren’t they human, too? Science says that they are.”

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“Careful, Allen; you’re starting to sound like a pro-lifer.”

“Well, I guess I am,” Allen grinned.

Allen and I continued to talk, and at the end of the conversation, he said. “Thanks for talking to me. I really enjoyed this conversation.”

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Let me point out a few factors that made this conversation go so well. First, I began by only asking questions. Then, I really listened to him, and I also found as much common ground as possible along the way. I could tell by the way Allen was acting that he didn't really want to get into a debate—I didn't either, of course. My goal was to have dialogue.

Even though Allen appeared to become uncomfortable with his beliefs, he was still perfectly comfortable talking to me. Then, when he asked me, "What do you think?" I was able to give an answer, thanks to my Justice For All training.

The same training that prepared me to have this successful conversation and to give an answer is the same training that Justice For All is using to equip thousands of volunteers across the nation.

Thank you so much for your support of me and the JFA training program which is making all of this possible!

-Jacob Nels



Left: I helped teach our volunteers in Wichita, Kansas during Seat Work. Seat Work is an interactive seminar which prepares participants to share the truth about abortion with a spirit of "gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

Right: At Wichita State University I shared the truth about abortion during Feet Work. Feet Work is an outreach event, usually at a university campus, where our volunteers join our staff to interact with hundreds of young adults and practice the skills they learned in Seat Work.

