

One Foot in Front of the Other



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Praise Reports:

- Three families have joined my support team this month!
- Israel, Helen, Zarah, and Talitha are all healthy and continue to fill our lives with blessings beyond measure.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the planning of our fall mission trip to Georgia.
- Ask the Lord to open the ears and hearts of the people who will hear me teach and speak over the next few weeks. Pray that many will join us in making abortion unthinkable.
- Pray for God's unfathomable mercy to capture the heart of Kermit Gosnell and the countless abortionists like him across our nation. Pray that their hearts would be broken over what they've done and that they will turn to God for redemption.

I sat in my truck feeling low. It was my sixth visit to Georgia State University trying to set up a pro-life club, and I hadn't made any progress. I was finding it hard to get motivated to get out of the truck and walk across the parking lot. I just wanted a quiet place to mentally check out.

Instead, I prayed for a while. It went something like this: "Lord, I'm done! If you want something to happen, then you're going to have to make it happen. I'm just going to put one foot in front of the other, because that's all I have left."

Then that's what I did—I put one foot in front of the other—until I found myself at the table of a campus ministry that was handing out Kool-Aid. I stopped to visit with the students and find out about their ministry. They introduced me to Scott, who was their campus ministry leader. Scott asked me what I was doing on campus, so I started explaining the Justice For All training program, especially the campus outreach. He seemed interested.

While we were talking, a man named Kalis walked by the table.

One of Scott's students asked Kalis if he would like some Kool-Aid.

"I don't believe in that stuff!" Kalis said.

"You don't believe in Kool-Aid?" I said.

"I do believe in Kool-Aid," he said, "but I don't believe in religion!"

"Well, what do you mean by 'religion?' People mean different things when they use that word. What do you mean?"

Scott and I continued the conversation with Kalis for three hours, and I was able to model for Scott the type of dialogue that we teach at Justice For All. Because of my JFA training and extensive experience at changing the abortion debate into a dialogue, I was able to change this conversation with Kalis from a debate about religion into a dialogue about Jesus.

We talked about the historical Jesus, his teachings and his claims. Kalis had been bitter and angry at first, but by the end of our conversation he admired us for taking the time to listen to him and ask questions. Before we parted ways, he asked if he could return to talk more.



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As I turned to Scott I could see that he was sold on the JFA dialogue model. It's one thing to hear what it's like to share the gospel, but no explanation can be as powerful as the experience of doing it oneself.

I asked Scott if he would be interested in offering JFA dialogue training to his campus ministry team so that they could learn to have conversations similar to the one we had had with Kalis.

“Oh, we'll be setting some dates to talk about this,” he said. And we did.

God provided just what we all needed that day. He showed Scott the value of JFA training so that Scott would be motivated to partner with us. He provided Kalis with an opportunity to hear the gospel from a fresh perspective. And let's not forget about me. I got the encouragement I needed on a day when all I could do was put one foot in front of the other.

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This girl was raised a Christian, but when she left home to attend CSU, she left her faith behind. She also calls herself pro-choice. By the end of our conversation I felt that she was questioning her current beliefs.

