

Awkward Conversations

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Praise Reports:

- God used me to talk "Fred" and his wife out of the abortion clinic last week.
- David Freeman is doing well in recovery (see below).

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that "Fred" and his wife will not go back to have an abortion.
- Pray for my upcoming JFA trip to Colorado.
- David Freeman, who grew up with me in the same home-school community, is now a Police Officer. He was shot five times during a routine traffic stop for expired tags. Five bullets just wasn't enough to stop him. He's doing well in recovery.

We all fear awkward conversations. There are just certain topics that you aren't supposed to bring up at the dinner table, but inevitably someone does, and then it gets awkward. You don't want to be that someone who brings up the tough topics, but on the other hand, you know that some things are so important that they need to be brought up. So, you think you're stuck in a conundrum. You can either talk about what needs to be talked about and feel awkward, or you can be silent. It feels like a lose-lose situation.

I want to propose an alternative. What if you could bring up a tough topic like abortion without making it awkward? Is that even possible? Well, that's what we at JFA help you to do with our Seat Work and Feet Work training program. Listen to what Melody McWhorter, one of our volunteers at Georgia Tech, said about her JFA outreach experience. It illustrates that we can and do make it easier to talk about abortion without all the awkwardness.

I thought the Georgia Tech day that I attended, for me personally, went very well. I was able to jump out of my comfort zone and have some conversations. It was much easier to approach people alongside one of the JFA mentors and easier to jump in when a mentor was there. I think we feel a little more confident knowing that if we fault in some way that you guys are there to help.

Melody even went on to explain a situation in which someone else was making it awkward, but she was able to participate in the conversation anyway:

I was very surprised with myself when I jumped in to help with one of the irate students who was upset by the imagery. It was great to feel a calm and peace about me and know that even though he was [yelling at us], that I didn't have to take it personally. I was able to reply sensibly back to him, an example of God's peace that passes all understanding.

The encouraging conversations were those where the students...stopped and thought about what abortion really is and what it really does. That was encouraging. Thanks for all your help and support.

-Melody McWhorter

When I say we can help, I mean we can help from beginning to end. From learning the material in the Seat Work seminar, all the way through having conversations during the Feet Work outreach, Justice For All is there for you. We don't just lecture you, hand you the materials, and then say, "Good luck!" Our goal is to make tough, awkward conversations easier. We believe you can do it with a little bit of practice, and we will be there to help.

-Jacob Nels

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Justice For All's mission is to train thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time.

The JFA training program helps pro-life volunteers become active advocates, turning the abortion debate into a heart-changing dialogue in a spirit of "gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

Those trained volunteers then train others to do the same (2 Timothy 2:2).

Never underestimate the impact that your contribution can make. Thanks to a supporter who provided meals for our staff, I had a bag of chips (look under the brochure) to offer this college student. That gesture helped me start a fruitful conversation.



Brit and baby Talitha accompanied me on our most recent mission trip to Georgia Institute of Technology. Brit was able to be one of the mentors whom Melody described when she said,

"It was much easier to approach people alongside one of the JFA mentors and easier to jump in when a mentor was there."