

"You totally changed my perspective!"

Nina was quite clear about her position on abortion when we started talking.

> **Nina:** I'm pro-choice. I think abortion should be allowed for any reason in the first trimester. Women should be able to get out of a bad situations that they put themselves in and put it behind them.

Jeremy: Why only in the first trimester?

Nina: Because the unborn child is less developed then.



Here I am speaking with Nina at Kennesaw State in October.

I showed her developmental pictures of a child in the womb and she told me that those proved her point; yes the unborn was human, but she thought they did not have many of the characteristics that we associate with humanity.

I shifted gears and asked her about the concept of equal rights. I then told her about the Equal Rights Argument (For other stories of the Equal Rights Argument in action, see www.jfaweb.org/Equal-Rights). That got her thinking about other forms of discrimination and why they are wrong. Then she agreed that what makes us valuable is our human nature, and the unborn has that same human nature. I was worried that she would still retreat back to her defense of abortion as a means of allowing women to "get out of bad situations," but then she said this:

Nina: Man, you got me. I can't argue with you there.

Jeremy: Does that make you reconsider allowing first-trimester abortions?

Nina: Definitely. You know, I was just doing my homework a few minutes ago, and something told me that I should be doing something else. So I walked out here and found you. I believe God led me to you today because you totally changed my perspective on this! The thing is, I'm the type of person that doesn't want to hurt anybody. You helped me realize that this is exactly what abortion does, hurt someone.

My Long Road to Kennesaw State

I also believe that God led *me* to the conversation I had with Nina at Kennesaw State University last month. A few years ago, I started sidewalk counseling outside a local abortion clinic every Saturday morning. The more women I saw go into that clinic, the greater conviction I felt to do



I taught at this JFA interactive seminar in Atlanta last month (my colleagues Catherine Wurts and Jon Wagner are shown with me here).

something more. I made the difficult decision to leave my 20-year business career and pursue full time pro-life work with Justice For All. And that decision put me on Kennesaw State's campus to be there for Nina the exact moment that day that she felt she "should be doing something else." Her comment reminded me that this was the same reason I was on campus that day - because a few years ago I felt that I "should be doing something else" about abortion.

There have been many news and political stories about abortion this last year. For me, each one reinforces the reality that in order to stop abortion, we must change the hearts and minds of those who support it. This works at a national level and also at an individual level, by making abortion unthinkable for a person no matter what life circumstances bring.

In just the last few months I have visited the University of Georgia, Kennesaw State, the University of Oklahoma, Georgia State, and the University of North Georgia with Justice For All. At each university, I met students like Nina that proved to me beyond a doubt that hearts and minds can be changed on abortion if the right approach is used.

Current Needs

As you consider your end-of-year giving, please think of Nina and the countless others who need our help to think more clearly about abortion. Unborn lives are hanging in the balance. I'm eager to be a representative on your behalf to reach students who often play a critical role in whether those children live or die.

None of us can do this work alone. In 2015, you and I have proven together that we can reach many students like Nina. Remember that I am responsible to raise 100% of my salary with Justice For All. I need to raise \$1,800 in monthly support in order to be fully funded in 2016. Here's a way you can help: Take a moment to give a special end-of-year gift right now at www.jfaweb.org/donate or by using the enclosed form to help reduce the amount I need to raise in monthly gifts.

Without the support of people like you, conversations like the one I shared in this letter wouldn't be possible. Many of you have already been very generous. Thank you for all of your support which makes this critical work possible.

"I BELIEVE GOD LED ME TO YOU TODAY BECAUSE YOU TOTALLY CHANGED MY PERSPECTIVE ON THIS!"

NINA, A KENNESAW STATE
UNIVERSITY STUDENT I MET LAST
MONTH AT AN OUTREACH EVENT