



JUSTICE FOR ALL

Training Thousands to
Make Abortion Unthinkable for Millions,
One Person at a Time

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Dear Friends,

Is there a better way?

While most of my interactions with church leaders are positive and encouraging, I do occasionally meet a church leader who has a different attitude. One such leader said, "I'm just not convinced the methods of JFA are the best way: they seem to me to be more 'shock and awe.'" I would like to respond to this concern for those who may share a similar view or may be undecided.

Dr. Martin Luther King wrestled with this very question while fighting the battle against racism. Pastors and leaders of churches called his leadership of marches, sit-ins, and other demonstrations "unwise and untimely." In fact, the nay-sayers became so loud that he eventually took time to answer them at length in his [Letter from Birmingham Jail](#).

Of particular note is paragraph ten in which King argues:

Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and foster such a tension that a community . . . is forced to confront the issue. . . . There is a type of constructive, nonviolent tension which is necessary for growth. . . . We must see the need . . . to create the kind of tension in society that will help men rise from the dark depths of prejudice and racism to the majestic heights of understanding and brotherhood.

Dr. King was by no means the only revolutionary who brought about change by the methods he used. In fact, our Lord purposely created tension on occasion. Take the example of Jesus healing on the Sabbath. There were six other days of the week on which he could have worked, yet he made it a habit to heal and engage in other worthy activities that might be construed as "work" on the Sabbath. It was important for him to make sure the Jewish leaders were uncomfortable about his ministry so that some would see how they had incorrectly ordered their priorities. The teachers of the law had elevated Sabbath keeping, which was prescribed by law and was a sacred act of worship, above the common decency of caring for the sick and poor.

In the same way, pro-abortionists elevate the supposed rights of a confused and desperate woman over the needs of her defenseless, unborn child.

The entire biblical account indicates that God takes sin quite seriously. So seriously, in fact, that it requires the blood of an innocent sacrifice to atone for it. A relevant question here might be, do you think Jesus ever used a graphic visual to get his message across?



It was in this spirit that the Justice For All Exhibit was created. Our objective is not to unduly "shock and awe" the audience, rather it is to create a constructive tension that leads to growth. In the words of our Director David Lee, "The status quo on abortion will remain

until the pro-life movement successfully creates a tension that fosters successful dialogue."

This battle for hearts and minds has traditionally been fought in legislative houses, in courtrooms, and in pregnancy resource centers. JFA's mission is to go upstream to train Christian high school and college students to share the truth about abortion in a loving way.

I hope that those wondering if there is a better way will not let the hypothetical better become the enemy of the actual good we are doing. We have lives to save right now, every day.

Support Report

Thanks to families who joined my support team in August, my level is up to **65%**. Several have wondered whether a gift of \$25-50 per month makes a difference. The answer is most definitely YES! In the same way that Nehemiah and the returned exiles rebuilt the Jerusalem wall, if each family takes care of a piece, the job will get done. Thank you so much.

Upcoming Events

From now through the holidays, JFA has a heavy schedule as we take our Seat Work training seminar to schools and churches in preparation for Feet Work training at locations below. Please contact me right away if twenty or more people at your church or school would like to be trained on communicating the truth about abortion. Then

consider joining us for one of these life changing mission opportunities:

- **University of Nebraska:** 12-15 September
- **University of Northern Colorado:** 30 September
- **Auraria, Colorado:** 4-5 October
- **University of Oklahoma:** 31 October-2 November
- **University of North Texas:** 7-9 November

Stories From Around Campus

From Sarah Rice: “I witnessed the people in JFA presenting the gospel to people over and over by giving them grace and truth. People would be angered (or shocked, saddened) by the truth, but when they would speak with us about their thoughts, they were presented with grace Even when the name of Jesus was not mentioned, and He was, many times, people were given a taste of the gospel. Many would walk away from the exhibit softer and thankful for the great conversation.”



From Gretchen Levesque: “I got some lunch and sat down under a shady tree next to another JFA volunteer. A woman came by passing out animal rights literature. We engaged her and together asked her about her beliefs. She said that she embraced all great teachers, and saw a lot of good in the man Jesus. She said she had a bible. We talked a little about the uniqueness of Jesus, and how mind-blowing the bible is when you really read the accounts of Him. I challenged her to read the gospel of John, and see what Jesus had to say about Himself.”

From Theresa Burch:

Right away [Josh*] made it clear that he was pro-choice, but not typical. He said that he completely agreed that abortion was immoral, but . . . he believed that early abortions and abortions done to save the life of the mother were perfectly ac-

ceptable. . . . No matter how many times we agreed [that it was immoral], he continued to state that he would still vote and identify himself as pro-choice. . . . This was perhaps the most heartbreaking part of our conversation. . . . [Josh was] convinced that he was doing the right thing by upholding this pro-choice culture, while at the same time going against his own personal and moral beliefs. . . .



I asked Josh “why, with all that we have gained, could we not offer a non-violent solution, one that didn't insure that one person would die?”

“A non-violent solution . . . ,” Josh repeated.

“Yes,” I said, “one where every effort was made to save BOTH the mother and the child, where both people have equal value.”

“That would be the best solution. I guess I've never thought of it that way before,” he replied, mulling over what I had just suggested.

And then he said something I never thought I would hear him say: “Wow, I think I'm pro-life.”

I was silenced. As he shook my hand, thanked me, and assured me that he would vote differently from now on, I thought about how privileged I was to have witnessed a change of heart.

Without JFA, the display, and my fellow team-members, I never would have had . . . this conversation with Josh Josh had the opportunity to examine what it was that he truly believed, and I had the opportunity to find hope in my generation.
*name changed

If you have not already, will you help get me on the job full-time with a monthly commitment? With a few more regular gifts I can focus fully on the demands and opportunities JFA provides. Even my girls at ages three and four know how to explain my job: “Papa helps save babies.”

Sincerely yours,

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