



JUSTICE FOR ALL

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

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Many of you have contacted me about Lila Rose's recent [sting operations](#) on Planned Parenthood. Do not expect a media frenzy, an immediate dismantling of Planned Parenthood, and a nationwide end to abortion. Sure, somebody will get fired. Perhaps, one clinic will be disciplined in some way, but most likely, the whole affair will be swept under the carpet, and it will be business as usual across the country.



Last year I wrote "[Talking Heads](#)," a column in which I explained why we cannot count on news stories to change our culture. Remember, our culture is not an individual sick person whom we can diagnose, treat, and cure. Our culture is made up of millions of individuals whose choices and worldviews must be changed one at a time if we are to transform our culture.

There is No "I" in TEAM

Sick and tired of hearing this old adage, my good friend Elliot once proposed that we change the spelling of team to T-E-I-A-M, just so people could not repeat this proverb anymore. We were both discouraged and frustrated on the job by always having to work on a team. "After all," Elliot would say, repeating the opposite adage, "if you want something done right, you've got to do it yourself."

These two proverbs are a paradox. While it may be true that a single person can better perform some small tasks, other projects require more teamwork. Changing our culture on abortion is just the kind of project which requires both personal focus *and* a team effort.

In fact, to read my newsletters, one may get the impression that I am on an island, talking to hundreds of

unbelievers and abortion advocates all by myself. The truth is, I am not alone; I am on a team. This team includes the other staff members at JFA, but most importantly it includes thousands of people like you who go through our training program and become active ambassadors who are changing public opinion on abortion one person at a time. If you have not been through our training, I encourage you to bring your best friend and come join the team in person this year.

So, there is no "I" in team, but there is a *you*. Contact me for details on any of these upcoming training opportunities:

- March 4-9 Athens, Georgia
- March 26-30 San Antonio, Texas
- April 6-13 Denver, Colorado

What is JFA Training?

Our training program, which is designed for everyone, is known as *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue*. It is unique in that it turns pro-life advocates into active Christian ambassadors who not only know how to engage the culture, but have actually done so as a fundamental part of their training.

JFA training has three parts which we call Seat Work, Feet Work, and Repeat Work. The Seat Work is an interactive seminar in which participants learn basic pro-life apologetics, how to be good Christian ambassadors, and they work with mentors in small groups to practice these skills.

The Feet Work part of training involves traveling to a local university campus where participants engage in loving dialogue (not combative debate) with college students who disagree with them. I liken this part to language immersion. You can study a second language in a classroom for years, but to really become fluent, you must immerse yourself in an environment where it must be used. Our Feet Work training days provide that environment.



Learn & practice skills in a small group.



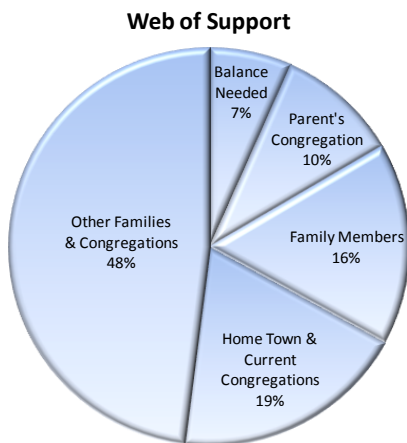
Role play dialogue with your mentor.

You are probably familiar with *how-to* workshops, but how many of those, or to what degree, provide a personal mentor who not only teaches you what to do, but goes with you to do it each step of the way? What makes JFA training so effective is that our mentors practice skills with you, provide support and feedback on the mission field, and pray with you as you use your new skills in real life, in real time.

Upon completion of the training, participants will be fully functioning ambassadors for Christ, on their way to becoming experts. Now they are ready for Repeat Work, in which they continue life-saving dialogue within their own spheres of influence on a day-to-day basis.

Other Forms of Teamwork

Two months ago I referenced the [webs of support](#) that we must weave. I did not explain what those webs were, leaving it to my readers to imagine how they are being supported and how they are supporting each other, their ministries, and their mission of reconciliation. One of the many examples that came to my mind was how you support me financially. Here is an illustration:



Update on Darrin

Many have asked about “Darrin,” whom I referenced in my [last newsletter](#). We never heard back from him.

Later in the day he sat on a low brick wall near the exhibit. He was shaking his head and muttering, “You gotta take it down, you gotta take it down.” We suspect that he and his girlfriend had already aborted their child, and that he is now in the grieving process. If so, it is better for him to come to terms with it now than decades from now. Thank you for the prayers. I am convinced he will benefit in the long run for having spent time with us and because of your prayers.

More News From Arizona

Looking back at Arizona, the JFA team

- conducted 6 Debate to Dialogue seminars,
- trained 306 participants,
- facilitated 4 outreach days over 2 campuses, and
- has received 35 reflections from trainees.

I wish you had time to read every encouraging reflection we receive. Rather than quote several, I would like to introduce one here and ask that you link to it so you can read it in its entirety. I would also note that if you want to read more reflections of our trainees, just send me an email. I can send you dozens to enjoy at your leisure.



Complete your training on the mission field.

Lorie Navrodtzke had her abortion in 1984. The guilt began to manifest itself in extremely self-destructive behavior in 2000. Finally, she began the recovery process in 2005. She experienced her first JFA outreach and met our staff in 2006 at Arizona State University.

I got to meet Lori at our recent training in Tucson. Toward the end of the day, we gave Lori the microphone so she could share her story and answer questions. The audience loved her. After having been engaged in practice dialogue all day, the students finally tasted reality when Lori spoke to them. She gave some wonderful advice on how to watch for someone who needs a listening ear, compassion, and forgiveness. She is a wonderful soul with a powerful testimony. I encourage you to grab some tissue and read her story at:

www.jfaweb.org/Reflections/Lori_Navrodtzke_Reflection.pdf

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