



April Update from Lauren

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At Auburn University I overheard 3 prochoice African American girls who were standing at the Free Speech Board talking.

"They are trying to take away our rights!"
"If it's illegal, people will do it anyway and that wouldn't be safe at all."

"They don't care about women."

I prayed for courage and cautiously approached.



Me: Hey, I heard you guys talking; what do you think of this display?

T: It's pretty ugly!

Me: I agree with you!

B: My dad is very high up in the church. It would be so embarrassing to him if I got pregnant. He says he would pay for as many abortions as I need

S: Just use Plan B. That's what I do.

Me: Have you heard of Margaret Sanger? She was the founder of Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the US. Some people think that abortion clinics are in minority areas to be helpful to people or give them options, but did you know that Margaret Sanger said that she wanted to use abortion

to "exterminate the Negro population"...

T: She said that?!

Me: Yes, and did you know that Planned Parenthood has been willing to accept donations when donors asked that they go specifically to killing black babies?

5: Now that makes me mad!

Me: Me too! So why do you think 50% of all African American pregnancies end in abortion?

B: Maybe, because they don't realize it's a conspiracy. I never thought of abortion as letting racists get their way to kill your children.

Me: Yeah, that puts a different spin on it.

S: Well, I am against abortion. I don't want to kill my baby. That's why I would just use Plan B.

Me: Well, would it be helpful to have a quick overview of the biology of the unborn?

S: Sure.

Me: Well, from conception, the unborn has 46 chromosomes and completely separate DNA from its parents. It is a whole, complete human organism. All it needs is a proper environment and adequate nutrition... the same things that we need! It would be difficult for me to pick any other point in the development process as the beginning of the unborn's life, because it has everything it needs from the -->



beginning. It is just getting bigger and more developed.

B: Well, how does Plan B work?

Me: It can stop the sperm and egg from meeting.

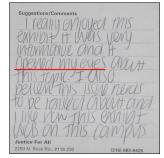
Or it is possible that if a whole, living, human organism has already been created, Plan B can keep it from being able to attach, thus starving it to death.

- 5: That is not fine! It is a human when the sperm and egg come together!
- **B**: I think so, too. Having this information makes me not like abortion, but what about the women who will do it anyway?

Me: I think that it would be really tragic if a woman hurt herself performing an abortion. I don't think legal or illegal abortions are good. But, if we know that something is wrong and harmful to people (like abortion), should we keep it legal simply so that those who break the law will not hurt themselves as much while breaking the law?

T: Man, this stuff is so wrong. I can't believe I thought abortion was good.

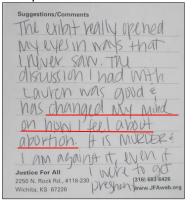
Response cards from T, B, and S:



"The exhibit really opened my eyes in ways that I never saw. The discussion I had with Lauren was good & has changed my mind on how I feel about abortion. It is MURDER & I am against it, even if I were to get pregnant."

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"I really enjoyed this exhibit. It was very informative and it opened my eyes about this topic. I also believe the issue needs to be talked about and I like how this exhibit was on campus."



"A human is a human. You are taking away a life. That is murder. It is a human once the sperm and egg are combined."

To view more response cards and stories, check out my BLOG! —

Prayer Requests

Boldness and courage on my last Exhibit outreaches



Thank you for your support! I appreciate your prayers and emails more than you could imagine. When people mistreat us on campus, I have peace knowing that God is with me and I have such a great team praying for me! Thanks for being part of the team!

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 Please pray that I would learn everything that God wants to show me through these experiences

