



Urgency and Compassion: Nancy Needed Both

A Story of a Life Saved and Scriptures to Empower Each of Us

I only had a few minutes to speak with students at Georgia State University a few weeks ago, so I kept my message very focused. I told them essentially, "Make sure to remember urgency and compassion—if you make both of those a priority when responding to and discussing abortion, you will do great things." I shared the story of "Nancy," whose baby was saved because four different groups in her community focused on BOTH urgency and compassion.



At a JFA seminar in March, I prepared University of Georgia students to respond to the abortion injustice with urgency and compassion.

Many people are silent or hateful in their response to the injustice of abortion. Instead, we must seek to be gracious, persuasive, and bold—ready for every opportunity.

Nancy's baby was saved last year with the help of: 1. A pro-life club bringing awareness to her campus, 2. A JFA missionary empowering Nancy's friend Susan to help her, 3. A local pregnancy center providing a free ultrasound and counseling for Nancy, and 4. Susan's church surrounding Nancy with grace and love.

I was thrilled that the Georgia State students responded favorably to my talk, and many of them now desire to follow up by participating in seminar and outreach opportunities.

Urgency

Psalm 82:3-4; Proverbs 24:10-12; James 1:27

Scripture gives us such a clear picture of a need for **urgency** in response to injustices like abortion.

Compassion

Ephesians 4:31-32; Colossians 3:12; 1 Peter 3:8

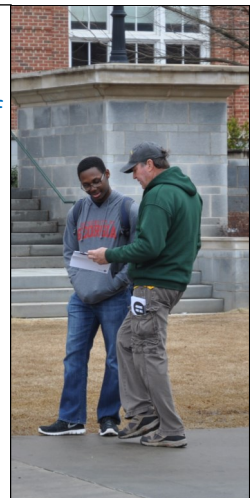
There is also a firm command to have **compassion** in Scripture. We must remember the challenges pregnant women face, and that many of the people we are trying to reach have *already* had an experience with abortion and desperately need to find healing and forgiveness.

Other Critical Qualities

James 1:19-20; Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 3:15

There are many other qualities that can greatly increase our effectiveness as we share truth, expose injustice, and help people find resources. We are commanded to have the **grace, patience, respect, and gentleness** described in the verses above.

Curtis "Bubba" Garrett (in green), friend and JFA staff member who was also in my wedding, has always been a great example of having both urgency and compassion as he seeks to save babies and change hearts and minds.



Defending human value together,

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