



Developing Heroes Instead of Spectators - Part 1

As my internship draws to a close and I embark on my journey as part of the Justice For All staff I am filled with thanksgiving. **Thank you for partnering with me** to change hearts and minds about abortion, human value, and our purpose as humans.

Most people are aware that our training seminars equip pro-lifers and our outreach events allow our staff and trained volunteers to listen to, challenge, and comfort many who are pro-choice. [Many people aren't aware that one of our great opportunities is to motivate the pro-life students toward serious and wise action on behalf of the unborn.](#)

Many well meaning pro-life students approach us with smiles, hugs, and congratulations. We love this and are encouraged but we also work to empower them to be a hero in their own spheres of influence. I often tell them, **"I don't know your friends, professors, and classmates but you can reach those right around you with the truth."**

At our "Debate to Dialogue" seminars many attendees ask, "what do I say to someone who is already pro-life?" I remind them that our goal is not to jump up and down with excitement for their views and send them on their way merely with the comfort of knowing there are some like minded people on their "pro-choice campus". But what can we do?

Until recently I told folks to "challenge their friends", "continue to study pro-life material", and to "get your community involved". I felt like I was grasping at straws and adding to a wealth of information we had already given them. The advice was vague and incomplete and thus failed to be what a courageous person could implement immediately. **On the reverse side is a guide to empowering any pro-life person you come across.**

[Many pro-life students we meet on campus \(like the woman on the far left and the man who is below and facing me\) have real pro-life convictions but they often lack cutting edge resources, direction, and motivation.](#)



It will take an eternity for the unborn to defend themselves

I recently buckled down and came up with six things that every pro-lifer needs for their views to go **from private opinion to high priority**. Do your friends have these?

An authentic pro-life view: An honest grasp of sound pro-life reasoning and an ability to communicate it. A conviction that abortion is a not just a problem but a tragedy and not an unfortunate thing to remember but a horrific system and epidemic to work against.

A loving demeanor: A desire to ask great questions, to listen well, and to challenge folks and share reasoning once they've earned the right to be heard. A caring attitude, gracious spirit, and a willingness to build honest common ground.

Resources to study and use: A handheld Justice For All brochure. The Abort73.com website that helps communicate the truth of abortion. Videos and books from STR.org.

Motivation to help stop the injustice: An urgency to save babies, comfort hurting mothers and fathers who think they need abortion, and the desire to communicate a message of hope to those who have paid for an abortion or had one themselves.

An immediate action step: I focus on helping students learn to use our brochure and I invite them to the pro-life club on campus. I also challenge them to approach their church leaders and friends about taking the abortion issue more seriously.

Encouragement and accountability: Every student needs encouragement as they look to make an impact in such a tough arena. I also give them my email address and let them know they are free to contact me with questions and concerns. Letting them know that they are not alone is so helpful.

Prayers and Praise reports for December

- My advance trip to Texas yielded many new connections and strengthened old ones.
- My trip to Georgia was postponed until January but several key contacts have already started to network for me!
- I will have several strategic meetings in early January for our May outreaches in southern California.
- The transition to full time staff has been smooth thus far and God continues to bless me with committed supporters.

Please prayerfully consider partnering with me in 2009.

I will be in California (mostly Los Angeles and Atascadero) between December 17, 2008 and January 12, 2009. It would be a treat to see you!

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Don't leave potential heroes out in the cold. Find the people in your spheres of influence who need resources, direction, and motivation and lend them help and accountability. They may make an immediate impact!



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