

**JUSTICE
FOR ALL**



March Update from Lauren

Which of These Preached the Gospel?

A message from David Lee, Executive Director

At a recent campus outreach in Texas, Lauren overheard a student named Sarah* admit to a pastor that she had an abortion. He immediately responded, "So, you know that that was murder, right? I used to be promiscuous too, but then I found Jesus. You need Jesus."

Sarah told him that she wanted nothing to do with Christianity. "My parents are pastors. I've heard all this before."

Lauren gently intervened saying, "I heard you say you had an abortion. How are you doing?"

Sarah poured out her heart to Lauren. "I think about [the abortion] everyday. I was 8 weeks pregnant. It was horrible. It was the most excruciating pain of my life for 24 hours; I had blood clots the size of my fist. I was so alone. My parents were getting a divorce, so my mom wasn't home and my dad ignored me. Plus they wouldn't let me see my boyfriend. So there I was, in intense pain, and completely alone."

Listening brought Lauren close to tears. She asked Sarah if she would like to speak with women at a nearby resource table who had also experienced abortion. Sarah said she would.

Lauren escorted her to the table and introduced her.

**Name changed for privacy*

After learning about Sarah's abortion, the woman behind the table sternly warned her, "I had an abortion too. Until you repent and turn to Jesus you'll never recover!"

Sarah was visibly upset. She walked away, leaving the literature the woman offered her on the table. "That was not very helpful." She said.

Lauren asked more questions and listened.

Sarah wanted to be a mom but had heard that after abortion she might not be able to get

pregnant again. She looked to her counselor for guidance, but her counselor was the one who first recommended the abortion.

"Sarah, I know that you don't really want anything to do with all of the religious stuff you've heard about today, but could I pray for you?" Sarah said

that she would actually really like that.

Lauren prayed that God would heal Sarah and bring other people into her life who could help her. She prayed that God would bless Sarah with a husband who loves her and that she could have more children.

Afterwards, Sarah gave Lauren a very long hug. She kept thanking Lauren for her compassion. She gave Lauren her email address and phone number. They've been writing to each other since.

Lauren later expressed concern to me that she had not actually shared "the gospel" with Sarah. **How would you answer her concern?**





About 20 protesters came out to the Exhibit at UT Austin holding signs, yelling, and marching. These protesters seemed almost violent and more angry than other protesters I've encountered. I went inside the exhibit and prayed for a little while. Later that day, God gave me the courage to actually speak with many of the protesters. In fact, many of our volunteers spoke with them and **several of the protesters changed their minds!** The next day, there were only 2 protesters!

Prayer Requests

- Protection against spiritual warfare
- For our staff members who have recently lost loved ones
- My speaking skills- I will be leading some of the training in Colorado.
- Sarah's salvation
- The Focus on the Family Institute students we are training in CO
- Please never stop praying for an end to abortion and those performing them



My Favorite Texas Quotes (Read my blog for their stories and more!)

"This (the JFA Exhibit and our conversation) **completely changed my mind.** That's all there is to it." -Kelly, Texas A&M

"Thank you! Now **I can defend** this belief!" -Joy, UT Austin student

"**This is the first real conversation I've had at UT.** My roommate is really busy and never wants to talk. I was just thinking today about how lonely I was becoming...thanks for spending time talking to me." -Daniel, UT Austin

"I guess **I really can't be pro-choice anymore.**" -Kristin, Texas A&M

The horses are prepared for battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD. (Prov 21:31)

I cannot even express how much I appreciate your prayers! They make such a difference! Please continue to pray for us as we travel to Colorado. We leave on April 10th and will be there for a week.

Thanks for being part of the team!

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