



Moving on to Better Conversations

Auraria Higher Education Center (Denver, CO)

On a warm afternoon in Denver, CO, I was approached by two pro-choice students while sitting at our poll table (see below). *They approached on my right and began pelting me with insults as they seemed unwilling to have a meaningful dialogue.*

I was able to talk reasonably for a few minutes with Todd* (left next to the "yes" sign) about the purpose of Justice For All (JFA) and about my reasons for being pro-life. Todd also had his chance to share his concerns with our display. Mary* (far left) interrupted several times and made our conversation almost pointless.

Mary and Todd



I labored to ask her a few questions but Mary was unwilling to oblige me with answers. She continued to ridicule me and ignore my reasons for being pro-life and for helping with the outreach. Even when I asked her to explain her beliefs she simply complained about me and the exhibit and eventually readied herself to walk off.

Todd seemed more interested in flirting with this rude woman and thus ended our conversation in order to talk with his new friend who agreed with his views about abortion.

I was very saddened by the missed opportunity, but only for 1 minute....

Although I still would have liked to finish my discussion with Todd and Mary, I would have missed an even greater opportunity if our conversation had even lasted another minute. *Just after Todd and Mary stormed away I was approached by two young women, Debi and Sue, who appeared to be open to dialogue.*

After they answered our poll table question about the legality of abortion I inquired about their reasons for being pro-choice and they were able to ask me questions about my views as well. Although they had reservations about our outreach and disagreed with my points of view I found the two women to be very fair, engaging, respectful, and kind.

They considered my arguments and presented their own as well. We moved through several aspects of the abortion debate due to the mutual respect we had. One of the women even changed her position slightly after being convicted that she was somewhat mistaken. **Moving on from Todd and Mary gave me the chance to talk with these two women.**

It will take an eternity for the unborn to defend themselves

Tough conversation toolbox

- If they make an assertion and site no evidence... ask them nicely to back up their claim.
- If they appear to be confused about your point... offer to clarify the point.
- If they interrupt you... ask them nicely for the opportunity to finish your point. Re-assure them that you want to fully hear them out as well.
- If they raise their voice...lower yours. ("A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger."-Proverbs 15:1 - NASB)
- **If they ridicule you... ask them to clarify their reservations with your view instead of harping on why they don't like you.**

Prayer update for September

- Thanksgiving for two great training seminars before our KU (Sept. 1-4) outreach.
- More than 200 people were trained and many of them came to the outreach at KU.
- Prayer for better connections to high schools in Raleigh, NC and Chapel Hill, NC.
- Thanksgiving for a dedicated club president and advisor at Oklahoma University (OU).
- Prayer for me and the JFA team as we travel for many weeks this fall.
- Prayer for Deb and Sue (see story on front) who were very challenged by our display and for Todd and Mary who were unwilling to consider the truth about abortion.

Here I am having a very respectful conversation with a woman at Arizona State University.



As we start our fall season of training seminars and campus outreaches, I continue to give thanks for the growing number of prayer and financial supporters that God has blessed me with. I am privileged to represent all of you as I help Justice For All train thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time.

Defending Human Value together,

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