



Everyone's Talking About Abortion

What Will You Say?

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JFA's "Learn At Home" guide will help you use images like the one on this JFA Exhibit panel to have a productive conversation about abortion.

Dear Family and Friends,

My heart is heavy.

In the past few weeks my Facebook feed has exploded with discussion of ~~two~~ ~~three~~ four videos in which Planned Parenthood representatives converse about body parts from aborted babies destined to be used for research. I won't comment here on the allegations that Planned Parenthood has broken the law, but I do want to comment on something that hasn't gotten enough attention amid the stir surrounding the videos.

Whatever the videos might show about the character of the people who work for Planned Parenthood, what makes my heart heaviest is the character of abortion itself: it is the brutal killing of a complete, unique human being!

The practice of abortion enjoys a certain kind of protection because it is secret and ignored. We don't see the unborn child, so we forget that he or she is *real*. Even pro-life people forget at times that these are *real babies* we're talking about.

The release of these videos has brought the brutal reality that abortion kills babies back to our attention. These *real babies* killed by abortion are the heart of the matter. What if we, as pro-life advocates, go beyond talking amongst ourselves, and step out of our comfort zones to persuade people that abortion is wrong because it kills babies?

But how? How can you and I start conversations about abortion? Do you know how to keep a conversation productive once it has begun? Maybe you're even wondering how you might find someone who disagrees with you in the first place!

Ideally, you could participate in JFA's training program (seminar and outreach), but what can you do *today*? You can use our "Learn at Home" guide to equip yourself to have conversations and change hearts about abortion. See www.jfaweb.org/learn-at-home for everything you need, including four simple 15-minute exercises and links to resources. To get you started, I've enclosed a one-page summary of the "Learn at Home" guide.

Thank you for helping to make abortion unthinkable one person at a time!