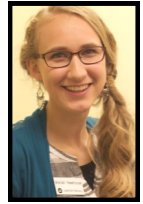




# A Message from Moriah

## *From Fearful to Faithful*

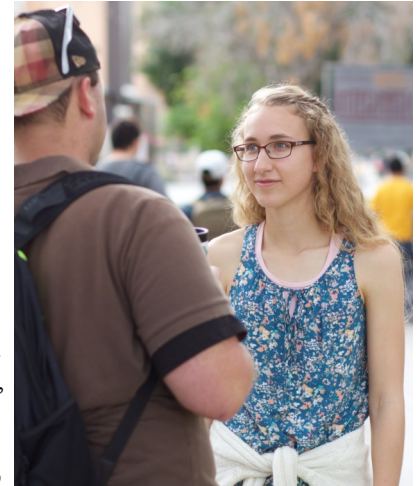


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Dear Friends and Family,

This past week I had the joy of traveling with and working alongside the Justice For All team on my first trip as an intern! As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we went to Arizona and Nevada.

While I was at Arizona State University I met "Tim" who was uncomfortable with abortion, but believed it was "a woman's right to decide what to do with her own body." I was able to quickly find common ground with him because I too believe women deserve many rights. Then Tim brought up a comparison between a woman's "right to choose" and his right to own a gun. Because he strongly believed in gun rights, he didn't want anyone getting in the way of him owning a gun. Again, I was able to easily find common ground. But then I asked him if he would agree with me that his right to own a gun should be overridden when someone else's right to life would be violated. Shouldn't someone be limited from exercising his right to own a gun once he uses it for the purpose of unnecessary violence, such as killing someone who has done nothing threatening to him? It was quiet as he thought.



ASU campus 2017

I could tell he understood my point; it is reasonable for a woman to have the rights to her own body, as long as her actions don't infringe on another person's right to life. Although he didn't change his mind right on the spot, I could tell I had challenged him to rethink what he believed and why he believed it.



Above: Jordan role-playing with me at the 2011 seminar. Below: Interacting with a young girl at the JFA booth at the 2013 Pima County Fair

It's amazing to see where God has brought me from a fourteen-year-old girl, who was very timid and terrified while going through the Justice For All training for the first time in 2011, to where I am today. That year I joined my older sister, Jordan, on the University of Arizona (U of A) campus, but I only listened to her conversations, since I wasn't able to find the courage to have my own. Two years later JFA came to my church again and I was able to better understand how to use the tools they taught. I also began to feel excited about the outreach portion of the training program because, instead of going to the U of A, they set up a booth at the Pima County Fair. Since this was a more diverse setting with families walking through the halls, I felt a lot more comfortable with the atmosphere. Instead of using the original exhibit, with graphic pictures, we had an A-shaped kiosk with the visual timeline of the developmental stages of a human being - from conception to elderly adult. On top it asked the question "Where do you draw the line?"



Below there was a free speech board where you could physically draw the line and then add any comments.



2014 Outreach at ASU

You can see how different my disposition is over the years in the pictures; I become more comfortable and confident with each outreach.



At the ASU campus in 2015 talking with two pro-life men who wanted to know how to create productive conversations with their pro-choice friends

In February of 2014 I eagerly took part in a two-day outreach at Arizona State University (ASU). Jordan became an intern that summer and the following year I was added as a part of the team while they were in Arizona. This meant I got to help them with training events in both the Phoenix and Tucson areas and then with creating conversations for a total of four days at ASU and U of A. I loved being a part of the team and was so grateful for the opportunity, but I never thought working for JFA full-time was something I would ever do.



Jordan and me in front of the new exhibit "The Art of Life" at CSU in April of 2016

But then, in 2016, a few weeks before joining JFA for an outreach at Colorado State University (CSU), I felt God lay it on my heart to look into becoming an intern. While at the outreach, I talked to some of the staff about what steps I should take next. As I'm sure you've figured out, I took those steps! And now I'm sitting in a plane on the way back to Wichita, Kansas from Nevada in awe of God and how He's working out His perfect plan in my life.

If you had told me in 2011 that in six years I would be on the campus of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in a conversation with "Lisa", a pro-choice student, I would have had a hard time believing you. But if you had added that this student would tell me - "I feel sorry for the next pro-life person I talk to because you have set the bar really high. I now know what a good conversation about abortion looks like." - I would never have believed you!

But that's what my awesome God does! He takes a terrified fourteen-year-old girl and makes her into a young woman who places all her confidence in Him because she knows that He will provide.

How are you going to let God work in you? It's not always easy to follow God's will for your life, nor is it always safe, but it is the best place to be. It wasn't easy for me when I first started taking steps of faith out of my comfort zone, but with each step God continued to prove Himself faithful. I had to keep making the choice to make myself available for His use and, as I did, my confidence in Him grew.

If you want to learn more about how to become a bold and gracious advocate for the unborn, let me know (email: [moriah.newhouse@jfaweb.org](mailto:moriah.newhouse@jfaweb.org)) and I'd love to personally connect you to the wide array of JFA resources that can help!



Talking with Lisa near the free speech board on the UNLV campus this past month.

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In Christ,

*Moriah Newhouse*