



# The Kulas Kronicle



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## “I want someone to convince me.”

“I want someone to convince me,” Alissa said eagerly, as she walked up to me at Wichita State University during our local October outreach event.

I was immediately struck by Alissa’s willingness to learn. While she was against abortion in some cases, she thought it should be legal and wanted to hear why I am pro-life. I jumped at the opportunity, and we had a great dialogue.

Because of Alissa’s openness, we were able to cover a lot of ground. I shared The Equal Rights Argument with her to help her to consider the fundamental thing we all have in common that explains our equal rights. (Read our *Equal Rights Argument Newsletter Collection* for conversation examples. It’s available through JFA’s “All Resources” web page referenced below.) She agreed with me that *being human* is what makes us all equal, but she had a hard time seeing that a human embryo could have the same value as a human adult.

Despite her lack of full agreement, she was listening and considering my view. She also stayed in the conversation to ask me more questions. We ended up discussing the very difficult issue of abortion in the case of rape, as well as the issue of whether a woman’s bodily rights should allow her to kill another human being inside of her. (Read more about this at our “All Resources” page linked below, under “More Training Materials.”)

After I gently offered a final challenge, she admitted that she’d have to consider the points I raised, and she agreed to talk further through email. It was really cool to see someone so hungry and eager to learn – even willing to be proven wrong!

Alissa’s attitude of openness may seem rare, but



Alissa and I discuss abortion near our display as another WSU student listens.

sometimes I wonder if it’s more common than we think. Over the years I’ve met many students who, like Alissa, are not totally certain about their thoughts on abortion and are very open to understanding mine. They hear sound-bite answers on both sides and are interested to hear someone give real reasons and evidence for the pro-life view.

Imagine how many people like Alissa are walking around you every day – at your workplace, at your child’s soccer game, perhaps even at your church. You have the opportunity to offer the explanation they are seeking. Are you willing to start the conversation with just one of them?

Below, I’ve listed just a few of the resources that our new website offers to help you create a conversation with someone like Alissa. I challenge you to think of one person you could talk to using these resources. If you need help getting started, I’d be happy to help.

### Resources from the new JFAweb.org

- **The “Learn at Home” Program:** [www.jfaweb.org/learn-at-home](http://www.jfaweb.org/learn-at-home)  
15 minute activities to help the busy parent, student, or professional
- **“Explore All Resources” page:** <http://www.jfaweb.org/explore-resources>
  - “More Training Materials” including the Equal Rights Argument Newsletter Collection
  - Biology: Helpful explanations from the experts
  - JFA’s Virtual Exhibit, video of life in the womb by EHD, and video showing the reality of abortion by Abort73.com
- **“Stories of Impact”:** <http://www.jfaweb.org/stories>
  - First-hand accounts from JFA volunteers to motivate and equip you for dialogue

In Christ,

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