



The Kulas Kronicle



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Unfinished Business—Part 2

In my letter last month, I noted that shifting one’s position on abortion is a big change. For many pro-choice people to seriously change their views—which would mean that they will now take active steps to protect human life from conception—it typically takes time and contemplation. Making a shift of that magnitude would mean that one could go from promoting abortion and even taking a friend to get an abortion to promoting life by helping a friend not get an abortion and aiding that mother after the birth of her child.

It is a blessing and very encouraging, then, when we see a complete change in someone’s position unfold before our eyes. A few staff members have written letters this year that highlight some of these dramatic, abrupt changes of mind in pro-choice students. You can see those stories by visiting this link:

www.jfaweb.org/paul/changed-minds

When these abrupt changes happen, though, we humbly recognize that the change has resulted also from the work of others who cultivated the ground, planted seeds, or watered the ground before us. We shouldn’t expect to see a complete change of mind in every conversation then, because minds change gradually. Rather, we may praise God for the small changes and progress that He allows us to see in almost every conversation. Here are a couple that I want to highlight from my own experience this year.

Sam

Sam expressed her position on abortion as “pro-life.” When I asked if abortion should be illegal, though, she responded, “No. I am against abortion because of my religion, but I shouldn’t force someone to believe the same way as I.”



As I explored her perspective with her, it was clear that one of the prominent reasons for her belief that abortion should remain legal was the tough situation women are put in when they are forced into pregnancy through rape.

I expressed concern for the rape victim and asked if Sam knew anyone who had been in that situation. She personally had not. I then asked Sam why abortion was wrong for her, even in the case of rape. She believed the unborn was human at conception. So I chose to bring in an example of a similar situation by trotting out a toddler. When Sam reflected on the fact that it was not justified to kill a toddler who was a product of rape, she realized that rape probably wasn’t a good justification for killing the unborn child either. Although she wasn’t fully able to swallow the idea that the unborn should be given equal protection to the toddler under the law, she had come a lot closer to that view by the end of the conversation.

Jimmy

Jimmy drew a line at 25 weeks. He thought abortion should not be legal after that point. As I shared photos of the development of the human being, from page three of the JFA Exhibit Brochure, Jimmy started to waver on this position. In the end, he recognized that there really was no difference between the unborn at conception and at 25 weeks—at least no difference that was sufficient to disqualify the unborn.



[Click here for a photo collage](#) of people I talked to this year. I included every picture I could find, but because I am behind the camera for many of our events, the collage is just a small sampling of all the people with whom I have spoken. In the collage, I have also listed some of the names, but that too is not an exhaustive list.

When you look at these pictures and names, please take joy in the fact that you have helped make an impact in these people’s lives through my conversations with them. Please join me in praying for each of them, that God would finish the work he started in these conversations. Many blessings to you and your family during the Christmas season and into the new year!

In Christ,

Paul G. Kulas