

# A Life Saved from Abortion

REBEKAH DYER'S JFA UPDATE

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Dear Friend,

It was five o'clock in the morning on Tuesday, April 27th. I had just gotten back from Colorado the day prior and was a bit sleep-deprived. I had spent the past five days traveling to different cities with the JFA team equipping pro-life advocates to create conversations that change minds and save lives. For a moment, I entertained the idea of just staying in bed and taking the day off from sidewalk counseling, but I made myself get up and made the hour drive to the downtown San Diego Planned Parenthood.

As a couple approached the entrance to the abortion clinic, I approached them and said, "Hello. You may not be here for this, but I have some information about the risks and side effects of having an abortion. Sometimes they scrape the lining of the uterus, impacting your ability to have children later, and there can be a lot of emotional trauma from the experience for some people. Are you here for an abortion today?"

The man, who was holding his girlfriend's hand, told me they were not there for abortion; they were there for something else.

I said "Okay. Well, if you know someone who needs help, this [pointing to the brochure I gave him] has information about other resources and other places they can go." He took the brochure and they walked up the ramp and waited outside the doors.

About ten minutes later, I saw them walking down the ramp. They came up to me, and, shaking my hand, the man said, "I just wanted to say thank you. That is what we were here for today, but we aren't going to go through with it."

I said, "Wow! What changed your mind?" He pointed to the section of the brochure outlining some possible side effects of having an abortion. I asked them if they had support to continue the



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pregnancy, and they told me they did. I connected them to the local pregnancy clinic and gave the girl my number, encouraging her to call me if they needed anything along the way. They then left the clinic!

I've been regularly sidewalk counseling outside of abortion clinics since August of last year. In January, sidewalk counseling became a part of my work with Justice For All, and I go to two different Planned Parenthood clinics every week, speaking to women and men who have an appointment for an abortion.

For eight months I've been at these clinics, and while I've had some positive conversations, I feel like for the most part, I have sad stories to tell. At this point, I've had many conversations with people who came to the clinic for abortion. I've tried to talk them out of making that decision; I've tried to show them another way and give them hope and a vision for seeing themselves having a beautiful child. In quite a few cases, the women have been seeking later-term abortions. Most of the time, I've watched them walk up the ramp back into the doors of the clinic, and I know a baby is going to die, and I can do nothing further to help save their lives. Every week I feel like I have been grieving the deaths of the children lost to abortion and feeling pain for the people who have chosen this. They think it will help them, and it only opens up another avenue of suffering for them.

As we serve the Lord in this broken world, I think it's normal to wonder if our work is accomplishing anything. The devil works to steal, kill, destroy, and to discourage us. He tries so hard to get our eyes fixed on things that break us. So often, the results and impact of our work are hidden from us. But God comes to give abundant life, hope; and every once in a while, the Lord lets us have a glimpse of the amazing things He can accomplish through our weakness and our efforts to serve Him.

When I spoke to that couple who left the clinic that day, I don't think I was a very clear communicator. I stumbled over some of my words. And God used that to save someone's life. Ultimately, it was the Lord who rescued that baby, and He was pleased to use me and my weaknesses in that moment. For that, I'm grateful.

Whatever work God has set before you, may you remain "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord, your labor is not in vain." (1 Cor. 15:58)

In the faithful love of Christ,

*Rebekah*

## Recent and Upcoming Events

**June 20:** Radio Interview on "Biblical Citizen Let's Roll" - KPRZ (San Diego, CA)

Listen at <https://kprz.com/radioshow/8623>

**July 10:** *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue* Seminar - Ellerslie Mission Society (Windsor, CO)

**July 12-14:** Live Action Activism Training - Including Outreach in the City (San Francisco, CA)

