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To my dear FOTF Institute Alumni family,

I attended FOTF in the fall of 2002 and, like you all, had the overwhelming experience of being a part of the Justice For All exhibit. While I felt mostly ineffective and inadequate while at the Colorado State exhibit, I have since used my training and experience with JFA.

I have been able to dialogue with individuals in my daily life as the topic of abortion

springs up as well as have written a handful of letters to the editor of Oklahoma City newspapers in response to articles making improper and fallible arguments for abortion.

My reach and defense of life; however, is limited and I doubt, being only one man, I'll ever be able to have such a huge impact on such a large group of people like the JFA exhibit. Coming to that realization after returning from FOTF, I decided to support the JFA organization financially.



Tithing and giving money has always

been hard for me, especially being a college student. As I've come to see; however, the life patterns we develop and give ourselves to now shape us into the people we will become later and move us along the path towards the character the Lord wants for us. In my heart of hearts I know that Jesus wants me to be generous in my life with my time, my energy, and my money. If I am to receive greater things in the future and be a steward of even greater resources, then I have to be faithful with what I have now.

As a college student I decided to give \$20 a month...what's a dinner and a movie out in light of supporting an organization committed to changing the hearts and minds of college students on the topic of abortion? Now as a graduate, I have a job and am a salaried employee. The question has become: "now that I'm making more, how much more will I give?"

The battle in my heart that has taken place has been hard, yet the Holy Spirit has continually given me simple phrases: "freely you have received, freely give," and "he who is faithful with the little things I will surely put him in charge of much greater things." I say this not to shame or condemn anyone, nor to promise anyone anything. Aside from believing in the JFA cause, the truth is that the Lord is concerned with shaping our character and developing His qualities in us.

Generosity is not something that just happens or springs forth easily but is refined and formed...tithing and giving of resources is meant to be hard, otherwise we're really not bringing a sacrifice to the Lord. For me, giving to JFA has been a step into a more open and giving place in my heart. I hope you all will prayerfully consider giving to JFA even if it's just \$5 a month...every little bit helps!

Blessings.

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