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I did not grow up knowing anything about Christ or the Bible. As a result, I have a lot of choices in my life that I deeply regret.

As a woman that has personally had an abortion at the age of 15, I was hesitant yet interested when I first came across JFA's resource table at the Reclaiming Oklahoma for Christ conference in Edmond, OK.

I had recently given my life to Christ and God had already been dealing with me regarding my past abortion but it was still a very hard issue to discuss.

Once I heard Steve Wagner speak regarding what exactly is the unborn I **WAS CONVICTED!** There was no turning back from that moment on.

I have always had a mind for science and the facts. I could no longer run away from the facts, **THE UNBORN WERE HUMAN!**

I purchased some of Stand To Reason's merchandise and then reviewed all of them. A lot of that material I was hearing for the very first time in my life.

A year or so later I learned that JFA was coming to Oklahoma to do a seminar and Exhibit and I was so excited. I wanted to learn more regarding the defense of the unborn and the ability to educate other women.

The first time JFA came to Oklahoma I only attended the seminar. There was just too much information for me to take

in with only one day to review and then go face the public.

As a result, I went home and reviewed the material JFA gave me for a year and I attended an abortion Bible study for my own personal healing.

When I heard JFA was returning to Oklahoma again this fall I was really excited. I had spent the last few years dealing with my abortion, the facts of what abortion is and does and healing myself in order to get out there and help other women. I finally felt ready!

When I showed up at the OU Seminar I was sure that I would attend the seminar and spend the next day observing only. I really enjoyed the seminar and the "practice" time dialoging with JFA members to get a feel for dialoging with the public.

I think you should extend some of the time you spend doing that. That really showed me some areas I was strong in and some areas I needed to brush up on.

When I showed up the next day for the Exhibit I must admit I was a little overwhelmed to see the exhibit...it was huge!

Having had an abortion myself I don't know if it will ever be "easy" to view such things but I don't think such images should be "easy" for anyone to view.

The minute I walked up to the exhibit to "OBSERVE" a young man immediately began to discuss the exhibit with me. So much for just observing!

I began to see that God definitely had other plans for me that day. As I walked around the exhibit and just spoke to men

and women like I normally would conversations erupted.

From Michael the Democrat Christian who was upset to see the effects of abortion because he wanted to vote for a pro-abortion presidential candidate and it violated his conscience to see the facts of abortion and then proceed to vote for a pro-abortion presidential candidate to Nicole, a beautiful blond young women who "decided" that the unborn did not become human until 6 days but yet made it clear that she herself could never have an abortion at all herself to my favorite student of all...Justin.

I was standing at the free speech board chatting with another student when I heard two students next to me going round and round regarding the exhibit and the unborn. I decided to stand and listen to them speak for awhile.

When it became clear that they were going round and round the same issues I decided to step in and ask a question to the pro-abortion student Justin. One question led to another and there we stood for over two hours dialoging.

Justin really challenged me to give an informed, knowledgeable defense for the truth of abortion and the gospel. What fascinated me the most is that once Justin saw that I was not some loud radical but was in fact a young, educated, informed and CARING human being he began to inquire deeper and deeper into what exactly is truth, science, moral relativism, facts vs. opinion.

There was almost no stone this young man left uncovered! Justin was most

definitely a thinker like myself and I appreciated and admired that! In the end, no matter what direction the questions took the end question really was "What is the unborn?"

I was amazed to dialog with someone so thoroughly and with such depth and still see all roads lead back to "What is the unborn?"

After two or so hours Justin and I began to notice this fact and he began to see most of the theories and opinions he was calling facts did not actually live out loud in the real world.

As peacefully as we had begun our conversation we peacefully looked at one another with a smile and parted ways.

By the end of the day, I was forever changed. I was so intimidated to speak publicly and regarding such a hot topic no less! I only planned to observe that day at the exhibit but like I said God had other plans.

The conversations and seeing where others are at on the topic of abortion was exciting, not intimidating. I even got the opportunity to hand out my personal testimony and contact info to three women.

I ended up learning that even hot topics like killing our own unborn children can be discussed with a level temper, an informed mind and a caring heart.

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