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A few years ago, I heard about JFA on a radio program. I had no idea what the display actually looked like, but I imagined and remembered.

After seeing the JFA table at Reclaiming Oklahoma For Christ and meeting Jon [Wagner], I knew this was an opportunity to inform college students about the truth of human life in the womb as well as impact the future of our nation. I was determined to be involved in the event and invite as many others as I could.

Eagerly anticipating November 2, I was not disappointed. The training seminar surpassed my expectations. My husband and our six children (along with various other friends and students) attended, and we all agreed – it was well worth the time.

What practical pointers! *Analyze*, *Imitate*, and *Improvise*: these are invaluable communication skills which can also be applied successfully to other controversial issues of our times. (One student attending with us recognized this same method the following day as he attended a counseling session with his family.)

I'll be honest. Even though the training was outstanding and we practiced using these skills and practiced referring to the S.L.E.D. acronym, I was still rather apprehensive. I prayed. I studied my manual at home. I prayed some more.

Then, on the way to the exhibit in Norman (about a forty-five minute drive) I listened to a taped radio broadcast that discussed S.L.E.D. and other useful logic. After parking, I gathered my courage and walked to the exhibit.

Well, the time had come. I had my first conversation. And you know what? David was right! The photographs – absolutely –

did the “heavy” lifting. After asking the students a question or two, I was free to do the “heavy” listening. Once the students believed that I was genuinely interested in who *they* were and what *they* had to say, they were receptive to what I had to say.

Thank-you, JFA, for creating this opportunity that allows concerned citizens to gently and reverently defend the sanctity of human life

I spoke with several students who leaned or were pro-life. Though we discussed their ideas on when life begins, they still seemed “soft” in their convictions. Wanting to continue the dialogue, I proceeded in a bit of a different direction. I asked them to enlarge their “picture,” to look at our cultural landscape through a “wide angle lens.”

*As a civilization, where have we gone since Roe v. Wade? Could they feel secure with this direction?*

*Infanticide: Four times President Elect Obama voted against the Born Alive Infants Protection Act*

*80% - 90% of Down Syndrome children – rare human jewels of unconditional acceptance and love – Gone!*

*Children born with birth defects: some being denied medical care*

*Physician-assisted suicide (which historically precedes euthanasia): legal in Oregon and Washington – our own country! (More than 1/3 of the people euthanized in Holland do not volunteer “to go.”)*

*As we have accustomed ourselves to accepting that some lives are just too inconvenient or too expensive to maintain, the circle of where human life is seen as sacred and valuable is shrinking in size.*

*Which group of humans will be the next to find themselves on the outside of the circle?*

*In the student's future, could this genocide eventually affect them personally?*

I could tell by their quiet pauses and thoughtful expressions that the students were connecting some dots.

Before I arrived at the display, I had asked God to help me meet the students He had picked for me. I believe He did. (Thank-you, Father!)

The conversations I had with the students were comfortable, productive and friendly – all ended with a hug or handshake. Yet it feels like I have only been “wading on the shore.” Next time, I’d like to go into deeper waters.

Looking forward to next year’s exhibit at OSU in Stillwater, OK, I will hopefully be able to receive further training and have more opportunities to sharpen the skills you have all so clearly modeled.

Within the JFA staff, your level of patience, endurance, knowledge, wisdom and devotion is both commendable and inspiring. David, Jon, Dale, Catherine, Maureen, Curtis, Paul, Victoria and others whose names I do not remember, you are reflecting an authentic, attractive, interested and concerned Jesus to a needy, and many time hopeless, generation.

I will be praying for you, JFA, and the students, as well as the unborn babies and their mothers

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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 woman 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

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thinker like me 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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The Justice For All training was beneficial and thorough; the relational aspect of was especially helpful. All the staff are genuinely friendly and approachable. I felt immediately at home. Making conversation is not my best suit, but JFA's training provided effective communication tools.

I brought two of my daughters to the exhibit on Wednesday morning. One daughter stayed several hours to visit with OU students and came back the next day for more.

All of us had fruitful conversations with those standing around the exhibit. Each of us were thankful for the experience and came away with a new appreciation for those on the front-lines of the pro-life battle.

One young lady I met worked for Planned Parenthood. She was standing on one of the benches next to the exhibit, her t-shirt pulled up above her abdomen where the word CHOICE was written in red marker. I asked her if she was a 'visual' protesting our 'visuals.'

She stated that we *should* be educating young people in public schools on methods of birth control. I shared with her that I found it odd that she worked for an organization founded by a woman who believed in ethnic cleansing of African

Americans. Asking questions enabled me to share without sounding dogmatic or vindictive.

When I followed the suggestions of JFA I made more progress in the conversation than when I got sidetracked away from the humanity of the baby in the womb.

Another young woman, protesting the JFA display, was holding a sign that read 'Pro-life,' Stop War. The JFA tools helped me stay focused with that conversation also.

My 16 year old daughter, Laura, was especially impacted with the time spent with JFA at the OU campus. From what she shared with me afterward, this experience may have a direct impact on what she chooses for her career path in college.

We are truly blessed to have participated in a first-class educational display with humble Christians sharing the message of life.

As David Lee shared the story of Emmitt Till I was able to understand JFA's vision to open the casket on abortion. May Justice for All continue to be a fruitful ministry through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him,

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