Emily Bottorff 10/8/2011 Bible 12 JFA Reflection

I do not know where to begin. My JFA training has done so many things for me!

Before going on campus I had a brief idea on what to say but I did not believe that I could actually make a difference. After my friend had an abortion in middle school I figured, "I couldn't even help my friend - how can I help a stranger?"

My JFA training helped me realize that there was nothing I could have done in my friend's case. But it also helped me realize that I owe it to her unborn baby to go out and share what abortion really is and do what I can to save the lives of those who can't save themselves.

However, helping others understand abortion, both fortunately and unfortunately, involves me stepping out of my comfort zone and talking to people I don't know. When it comes to my life I am more than willing to share with people so that they don't make the same mistakes I've made and have the same experiences I've had to go through. But when it is something I don't have a lot of experience with, like abortion, I back off and I am worried I will not be able to say the right things.

Going out on campus with JFA made me step out of my comfort zone and talk to people, even though I am not an expert on the topic. JFA equipped me with not only the experience of talking on a college campus, but with the words to say when I talk about it on my own.

My eyes have been opened. I see just what abortion truly is and the impact it has on people, people even my age. After going on campus and feeling what it is like to make an impact I've realized this is what God wants for me, to not only talk about the issue of abortion but also other controversial issues - cutting, suicide, drug abuse, etc.

JFA made me realize that one voice can make an impact, no matter what the topic or my environment.