

Robert Frost said, “My object in living is to unite my avocation and my vocation as my two eyes make one in sight.”

Thanks to Justice For All, I have the good fortune, like Frost, to unite my avocation and my vocation several times each year.

In April of 2010, I was wrestling with the question, *What is my life’s purpose?* I wrote these words in response: “My purpose is talking to teens about abortion.”

As I wrote those words, they shook me to my very core. *I can’t do that, I remember thinking. I’d have to talk about my abortions, and I CAN’T share that!* I had goose bumps as I considered that my life’s purpose was to share my vulnerable heart with others.

God began opening doors for me to share my regretful decisions to take the lives of my first two children. One of those doors opened just over a year ago when I was invited to speak at a local high school where I met David Lee, the Director of JFA. He invited me to join their training seminar that weekend. I wasn’t sure that I agreed with their method, but I was open to considering it, so I attended the training.

During that training, I recognized for the first time that my sin of abortion (taken so lightly by me and so many others) had taken the lives of my children. I was amazed as the JFA staff taught us

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how to reach out with love and compassion to those who have been involved in abortion. I realized the value of what JFA was teaching, and I immediately volunteered to work with them in Arizona for three days!

I have since participated in four additional JFA mission trips. Each one has taught me how important this work truly is. I’ve even met Christians who knew that abortion was wrong, but were unwilling to “force their beliefs on others.” I demonstrated to one such woman that we could turn the debate into a heart-changing dialogue. After the conversation she said to me, “Thank you. You’ve really opened my eyes.”

Do you desperately want to help people see that abortion hurts everyone involved? Justice For All’s mission is to train thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time. Through JFA training, pro-life volunteers become active advocates, turning the abortion debate into a heart-changing dialogue in a spirit of “gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15). Those trained volunteers then train others to do the same.

My experience with JFA got me thinking about the label “pro-choice.” Speaking for myself, I chose abortion because I felt there was no other choice. How sadly ironic. I’m so glad to be offering people a better choice now.

I’ve also learned from working with JFA that in every conversation we should plant enough seed so that another possibility can begin to grow in the minds of those who disagree. With that possibility we can change hearts, one at time.

-Brenda Kilhoffer

