Dear Rebeccah,

My experience with Justice for All was AMAZING.

I witnessed angry people, as well as supporters, but I was most taken aback by the amount of hearts I saw change because for the first time people of opposing sides were able to discuss and communicate with listening ears instead of defensive ones. Granted there were the defensive, but my overall feel was that people generally wanted to know the truth and furthermore, talk about it and come to terms with it.

For some that I spoke with, it was the first time truly voicing what they felt about the issue. It was amazing to see people search for the answers and stick around to discuss and discern.

For the first time on the campus of Arizona State University (ASU), I saw a lot of critical thinking happening! I walked away with a different prospective when approaching the issue of abortion with the opposition.

I witnessed through Rebeccah, David, Steve and others a loving counsel to those they spoke with. I saw a great compassion for each person they spoke with. In speaking with the many students I did, I really tried to listen, really listen to their stories and situations and I found myself having so much compassion and love for those that thought so differently than I did.

Honestly, the last day when I went home, I missed the pro-choicers because for the first time I saw them as people just like me. They are people with gifts, with great smiles, with talents, with struggles and people dealing with a society that feeds upon deception and misinformation...I saw people who were hungry for the truth. I met people who had great compassion, but a misguided compassion for only one of the parties involved in this process...a compassion for the mother more than the baby.

The last conversation I had was with a woman who was about my age. We talked for almost an hour and discussed so many issues surrounding abortion. She was pro-choice and had been raped when she was young.

She also has a heart for Planned Parenthood because in a time when she needed low cost medical attention, they gave it to her. I felt a great compassion for this woman and all she had been through, and I know after the conversation she admitted to the fact that Planned Parenthood has a major abortion agenda and even though they helped her, that they hurt many others with their lies and avoidance of the Truth.

By the end of the conversation, I felt as though I had walked through the darkness and into the light with this woman, and I felt as though this woman and I would be forever tied and bonded because of the depth in which we shared. It was merely an encounter, but one that will forever change the way both of us look at the other side.

This experience was so educational. I learned so much on every level. Mostly, I learned about humanity and humility. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this remarkable experience!

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