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"The moment that I will never forget was when I met L.... She had...an abortion (10 weeks along) about a year ago and was looking at the picture of the 12 week old aborted child. The look on her face was that of pain and sobriety. I approached her and asked for her thoughts...all she could get out was "I've been there." As we talked I learned about her situation with her boyfriend and was grateful to hear that she has been going to Open Arms [a local crisis pregnancy center] for counseling.

Most importantly, she admitted that "If I had seen [the JFA Exhibit] before I wouldn't have done it." So I encouraged her...that God has a plan for her life and that this isn't something that he wants to tear her down, but something that can strengthen her faith. We prayed and I challenged her to share her story with others....Every time that I was at the exhibit over the next few days she was there talking to those who were...vocal [in opposition] as well as those just passing by. She had...a passion that was reflected as she talked to people. To this day [3 weeks later] L..is still coming to Bible studies, Sunday services, and social events with our campus ministry [Campus Christian House]. I see her faith growing, and am anxious to see what more God has in store for her.

"The impact that the [JFA] training and Exhibit has had on my life flows far beyond a few conversations [during the Exhibit]. I have

gained a passion for people beyond what I ever had before. I want to talk to them about God and I feel more prepared to do so as 1 Peter 3:15 commands...No matter what the topic has been I have used the lessons of listening and asking questions to guide conversations in a loving and respectful manner. I have not been afraid to be bold. I am so grateful to be a part of...[JFA] that there are not enough words to express it. God is SO good and we are all SO blessed to be used by him...."

