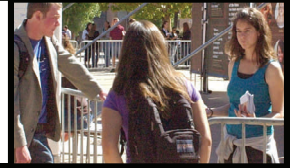




Rebecca's Reflections



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He said, "It was life-changing". What does that mean?

Georgia high school student Gregg Hammer inspires me.

This past March in Georgia, after participating in the JFA Training Program through his high school Faith Christian Academy, he wrote:

"Before the Justice For All team came to speak in chapel, I would never have taken action against abortion. I had wanted to do something to help before, but feared that I did not know adequate information that I could use to carry on a conversation with someone who was pro-choice and really knew his or her information."



Gregg and I paired together while surveying UGA students in the Tate Student Center.

Gregg attended Justice For All's seminar and outreach at the University of Georgia (UGA). After the outreach he wrote:

"...I was given the chance to be paired with Becca and we went to look for someone to give a survey to. She told me that this was my conversation and that she would only help me if I were struggling for an answer to the argument. This conversation was easily the most life-changing event of the outreach, because I got the chance to test my knowledge and take a leap of faith. The conversation seemed to end so quickly, when it actually took over an hour. It would have carried on longer if our time at UGA had not ended and we did not need to leave."

Gregg's experience was life-changing for him. He immediately applied what he learned from training to his daily life. Just 7 days after my return from Georgia, I received my 2nd e-mail from Gregg. He wrote:

I also have two more questions. One, I talked to my pastor and he said he might be interested in having JFA come to my church sometime, and I was wondering if you could give me the information to give to him and let him look into it.

The other is, when and where am I supposed to send in my experience with the JFA brochures? I have already talked to a couple of people, but I don't know how to take the next step in that process.

What does Gregg mean by "experience with the JFA brochures"? I challenged him to share the JFA brochure with five people and continue to talk about abortion even after the JFA training events. He understood that unless we talk about abortion in our daily lives, we can not expect the hearts and minds of our family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to be changed. It's our job. We must challenge them through both love and truth even when it is uncomfortable. The good news is, he's doing it.

Gregg made it **his** job. That's how we know his experience was life-changing. That is also why students like Gregg inspire me. I trust he inspires you too.

Defending life together,

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