



Rebecca's Reflections



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How was I to know he was starving?

Dear Family and Friends,

Fun-spirited, out-spoken, straight forward, and pro-choice, *Isaiah had lots of questions for my teammate Maureen while she sat near the exhibit at the University of North Texas (UNT).



Above: UNT Outreach November 2010

Within minutes it was my turn to begin answering his questions. Would what I had to say make a difference? If it did, would I ever know?

Two hours later, I thought “possibly.” The next day I realized, “Yes.”

What could *Isaiah and I possibly have discussed for two hours? Abortion. God. Right and wrong. Drunkenness. Dating relationships. Chastity. In that order too, but the list goes on.

Several times I questioned myself, “Should I be challenging him so much? Will he get upset with me and walk away? What will his response be?”

He filled out a response card before we departed that day. Here is what he had to say:

“My stance on abortion before seeing this exhibit was pro-choice. Still is for now, but it’s a very weak belief at this point because I now know when a human is a human. I understand it’s [the unborn] a human at the fertilization point. Before I thought it was at the heart beat. Still, for me, I would struggle with certain circumstances not being able to abort if they came up. I am more educated on the subject than I was before.

Rebecca and I had the best conversation...[a] well needed one. Thanks Rebecca. I appreciate the conversation for 2 hours that we had and will remember you for a long while.”

But will he continue to think about this conversation? Once we depart, is the challenge forgotten?

A few hours later he e-mailed me this message:

Rebecca,

I am so grateful that I got to have that conversation with you on campus today. I am definitely leaning more towards the pro-life side fully now since I do have a better understanding on what it is to be human and actually living. I know that just because certain circumstances happen doesn't change certain facts on the situation.

More than anything I want to thank you about the religion part of the conversation. You helped me realize and want to continue pursuing a life with the Lord and change some things. As I said, it won't happen over night but yet it will be a process of building upon each thing.

Any who, don't want to keep you, just want you to know I am grateful to have had that talk with you and hope you can touch someone else's life like you touched mine today.

God bless and I will do my best a keep up over time and you and your boyfriend stay strong also and I hope that you keep doing what you are doing and touch others.

*Isaiah

Not only did he keep thinking about what we discussed, he appreciated it.

Wow. What a lesson to learn. Isaiah taught me that college students are starving, not for food, **but to be challenged with truth.**

Defending life together,

*Name changed for privacy