



Above: Pictures from this past year of me talking to students on campus and my first experience of leading a group through training.

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Dear Family and Friends,

Are you lucky?

A couple of weeks ago I was entering response cards from a December JFA presentation to Tucson, AZ high school students. I had to pause as I realized what this freshman student had written in response to our presentation:

*"This was very interesting and sad. Before my real mom had me she had an abortion. And then once she realized she was pregnant with me she didn't have enough money to have another [abortion]. So here I am and [I] feel so very **lucky!** Thank you so much."*

- *Tasha, Freshman, Arizona High School Student

"Wow!" I thought to myself. It occurred to me that even while working full-time for a pro-life organization, I still take for granted that I have a loving mother who "chose" to give me life. Thanks Mom!

Luck? Well, actually, not at all. My mother understands the value of life. The problem in our society is that so many women (and men) do not. When life is not valued, the mind can be skewed into believing that willfully terminating life is morally acceptable. Once educated, this belief can change. Take for example these responses from two more students who attended the same presentation as *Tasha:

*"At one time, my **'if this happens' plan was abortion**, despite growing up in the church... Thank you for your presentation and showing me why that would have been so horrible.*

- *Callie, Senior, Arizona High School Student

*"I'm taking health right now, so me and my friends have been talking a lot about pregnancies. **I told everyone I would get an abortion in a heartbeat**, but I take that all back now, and I realize it's killing a human being."*

- *Holly, Arizona High School Student

Happy New Year to all of you! I pray that you are able to count your many blessings from this past year. Thanks for being part of mine!

Defending human value together,

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