



## Abortion: Are you comfortable talking about it?

Dear Family and Friends,

**Abortion— it's a topic most people try to avoid**, even those who consider themselves pro-life. Who wants to bring up a controversial topic, right? Yet, the fact that it is avoided is precisely why we need to seek out opportunities to discuss it. The murder of 1.3 million children in our own country every year is not something to set aside simply because it will make someone (especially ourselves) uncomfortable.

**Are you uncomfortable starting this conversation?** If so, continue reading. This newsletter is the first of a series that will be dedicated to sharing tools to help you lovingly and reasonably start this conversation.

**Why you?** Why is it important for **you** to bring this subject up and discuss it? Because too many people haven't taken the time to logically compare the arguments of the pro-life and pro-choice positions. They don't understand that in the U.S. we can legally murder a human who *deserves the same right to live* as you and I do. You bringing up the "forbidden subject" can challenge someone to look at the whole picture and help them change their mind about abortion, just like the mind of a young man at the Kennesaw State University was changed.

At Kennesaw State University this past March, I talked to a young man, Scott, who initially believed **"abortion should be legal anytime before the 26-27th week, or before the child is able to live outside the womb without medical intervention."**

However, toward the end of the conversation Scott made a very humble remark. He said, **"Please forget everything I said at the beginning of this conversation. I don't believe that anymore. I have never taken the time to look at both sides of the abortion issue at the same time. I have always just heard bits and pieces and left it as that. I still struggle with the rape issue and need to think about it, but abortion in all other cases is wrong."**

A 45-minute conversation gave Scott the information he needed to help him change his heart and mind about the topic of abortion. What is the first step to learning how to have a conversation like this? Read on...

### Tools for Effective Dialogue about Abortion

Each month this box will contain tips of how to discuss the topic of abortion with others in an intellectual and loving way. I challenge you to use these tips to start a conversation of your own. Abortion will not end until there are more individuals willing to speak out against it than there are individuals who both ignore and support it.

Defending human value together,

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