



A Youthful Faith



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Don't Debate - Dialogue!

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Sammy walked right up and signed the "NO" side of our poll table to the question, "Should this exhibit return next year?"

Then she walked around the entire Exhibit sipping her Starbucks coffee, reading everything.

I had no reason to think she wanted to talk - she'd already passed up two of our volunteers.

But stranger things have happened at JFA, so I asked her:

Catherine (C): So, what do you think about abortion?

Sammy (S): About abortion? Abortion's fine.

C: Do you think it's fine through all nine months of pregnancy?

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Dear family and friends,

What were *you* doing when you were 11 years old? I was reading Little House on the Prairie and playing soccer!

Well, Faith Copeland, an 11-year-old girl from Tucson, AZ, has me beat by far! She became one of our team's highlights of this month's trip to Arizona.

Faith conversed with college students about when life begins, defended the value of the unborn, and showed compassion to hurting women. She became an inspiration to me and other experienced JFA volunteers with her zeal for truth, love, and life! **Praise God for His amazing work in Faith's life.**

Faith's JFA mentor, Claire, said: "She was bold, gracious and without fear while interacting with people ten years older than her... Faith proved to me that anyone, no matter their age or personality, can speak up for the unborn."

Faith started out at the Exhibit shadowing her mentor and soon ventured out with a partner to do surveys. Our surveys are designed to discover what students



Faith's parents, Kelly and Barbara Copeland. They joined us with their Hope Mobile (pregnancy resource center on wheels) at U. of Arizona!

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S: No, I just think it's fine up until it's not legal to do it.

C: Well, currently it is legal through all nine months of pregnancy to get an abortion in the U.S.

S: Wait, what? That's horrible.

C: What do you mean? Is there a particular point in pregnancy abortion becomes horrible to you?

S: Yes. After the point it's considered a human. Then I think abortion's not okay.

C: That seems logical to me! When is that?

S: I don't know. You know, different people say it's at different times. I don't really know what I think.

C: You're right - there are a lot of different ideas out there. However, I believe the evidence from science shows us that point is at fertilization.

Silence.

S: So, what's the scientific evidence?

So many students I meet are just like Sammy: skeptical of our approach, yet nonetheless thirsting for truthful information. This is why we do what we do the way we do.

believe about abortion and open the door for further conversation.

After interviewing numerous students, Faith was approached by a woman in the restroom who had recognized Faith from the Exhibit.

The woman shared her life story and the fact that she'd had an abortion. Faith listened graciously to how she felt intense guilt over the abortion, her parents' disappointment in her getting pregnant, her depression ever since, and regret for believing that her baby was simply a "blob of tissue".

When the woman said that her parents nearly disowned her, Faith reassured her that she was glad she got to meet her and that the girl is still so valuable.

Reflecting on the conversation, Faith said, "she told me she was told a lie from the pit of sadness, lies, and ugliness...that her baby was just a blob of tissue. She burst into tears and then said, 'I regret the day I walked into the clinic'. She left and went to her car but she hugged me right before she left and I was so astonished."

Thanks to my teammate Jon Wagner for sharing this story with me!

In Christ,



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Please pray for my upcoming events:

Wed 3/2 Team travels to Georgia.

Thu 3/3 Fellowship Christian High School "Facing Abortion" all-school assembly.

Fri 3/4 "Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue" (ADD) seminar at Fellowship Christian High School.

Sat 3/5 ADD seminar at Cobb Pregnancy Services in Atlanta.

Sun 3/6 ADD seminar at University of Georgia, Athens.

Tue, Wed 3/8,9 JFA Exhibit outreach at the University of Georgia, Athens. Fellowship Christian High School students will be on campus at UGA Wednesday, 3/9.

Thu 3/10 Team travels home.