



I Believe False Things

How About You?



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Dear Friends,

“Raise your hand if you believe false things.”

I regularly ask this of audiences during our *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue* seminars. Inevitably people look around, a bit confused, and a few timidly raise their hands. I then raise my own hand high and say:



Bryce conversing with me from the chair labeled, “Undecided”

“Here’s my answer: I believe a lot of false things. I just wish I knew which ones they were. Then I wouldn’t have to believe them anymore!”

I am very grateful to Justice For All’s staff and volunteers who have taught me by example that having an attitude of humility is the most important ingredient for transforming a debate into a dialogue.

While there are still plenty of times I let my pride get the best of me, God reminds me again and again that, in order to represent Christ to the world as every Christian is called to do, I need to strive to have a humble spirit.

For example, two weeks ago I met Bryce (*pictured above*) at Oklahoma State University (OSU). As JFA’s Executive Director, Steve Wagner, and I were setting up for our outreach, he decided to try something new. So in addition to having our large exhibit up on a neighboring lawn, we placed four chairs facing each other beside one of our exhibit kiosks, labeling the chairs “Pro-Choice,” “Pro-Life,” “Undecided,” and “Moderator/Peacemaker.”

Over the course of two days, many students who were headed to the student union stopped, chose a role, sat down, and joined in the discussion. Early on the first day, a young man named Bryce sat down in the “Undecided” chair, introduced himself to me, and asked me what my view was about abortion.

I told Bryce, “I believe abortion is wrong and should be illegal because it takes the life of an innocent human being. I think I have good reasons for what I believe, and I’ll be glad to share those with you.

“However, I know that I could be wrong about what I believe, and if I’m wrong I want to know. If the unborn is *not* a human being, then no justification for abortion is necessary and I would be wrong in working

to end women’s access to this medical procedure. If the unborn *is* a human being, though, no justification for abortion is adequate, and more than one million children are being killed legally every year in the United States. I would have a responsibility to do what I can to stop this from happening. What do you think, Bryce? Is the unborn a human being like you and I?”

Bryce and I went on to talk for over an hour. He explained that he had chosen the “Undecided” chair because, while he did have some vague ideas about the unborn and about abortion, he felt he didn’t know enough to take a stand, and he wanted to learn.

He shared with me about the spiritual beliefs of the African tribe he grew up with: that all life is of equal value, including plant life, animal life, and human life. Then he said he’d like to hear my reasons for what I believe. I made a case for the humanity of the unborn and for the special value of humans, shared about my faith, and corrected some misconceptions he had about the pro-life position.



Talking with Bryce and his fellow Oklahoma State students

While we spoke, a number of OSU students gathered around and either listened or joined in our conversation (*pictured above*). As some would leave for class, others would arrive. Then Bryce, himself, had to leave for class. But he came back that afternoon and thanked me for our conversation. He told me he appreciated that I’d begun by humbly admitting that I could be mistaken, and that our conversation had challenged his thinking on abortion.

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Please pray for me that I will continue to grow in humility as an ambassador for Christ and for the unborn. I will be praying for you, too. Will you also join me this month in reflecting on the following Scripture passage and, through it, what God is telling us about how we can be—and love—more like Him?

“Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness, and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” Philippians 2:5-8 (NABRE)

In Christ,

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