



Because One Person Can Change the World

Moral Statement or Moral Impact?

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Dear Friend of Justice For All,

As I write this, seven members of the JFA team are heading towards airports to fly to Washington D.C. to participate with me in the March for Life (Friday, 1/21) and the National Pro-Life Summit (Saturday, 1/22). Since we'll be marching in opposition to legal abortion, it makes sense that we'd reflect on a question I remember Greg Koukl (str.org) asking years ago that has always stuck with me: *Do you want to make a moral statement or a moral impact?*

The question is phrased in such a way that it could be seen as purely rhetorical: *Obviously we want to make an impact.* There isn't much value to making a statement if in making it we fail to make an impact. Or worse, what if we make an impact contrary to the one we're intending?

The question is not purely rhetorical, though, because many people are very satisfied with simply making a statement, and many have never reflected on how we might choose particular activities that are more likely to make an impact. Here's how I reflect and respond:

Our team doesn't march *simply* to make the appropriate statement against legal abortion. We are in DC to multiply our work of training a *different kind of advocate* to create a *different kind of conversation* that changes hearts and minds. Changing minds, after all, is essential to protecting unborn children in a democratic society, and protecting the unborn is the moral impact that all of the marchers long to see. Please pray with us, then, that through these events we'll find and inspire potential interns who want to learn to train others, leaders who want us to train the people in their care, and individual pro-life activists who can make a greater impact with the tools we teach.

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Recent and Upcoming Events

- 1/13 Workshop: Young Adults Group (Lincoln, NE)
- 1/15 Seminar: Homeschool Group (Lincoln, NE)
- 1/15 San Diego Walk for Life (San Diego, CA)
- 1/21 March for Life Activities (Washington, DC)
- 1/21 Workshop: Various Groups (Washington, DC)
- 1/22 National Pro-Life Summit (Hosted by SFLA)
- 1/30 Seminar (Denton, TX)
- 2/13 Seminar (Near San Marcos, TX)
- 2/14-15 Outreach at Texas State (San Marcos, TX)

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