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Is Steve Wagner's Work Worth Supporting?

THE PROBLEM

(as illustrated by Camille, a Christian college student)

I [Steve] met "Camille" on a Midwestern campus during a Justice For All Exhibit outreach event. As she told her story, she was confident, but not proud. She found out she was pregnant on a Monday and had an abortion four days later, on Friday. "I come from a prominent Christian family in town and I'm a Christian. My parents are pro-life and would have adopted the baby. My boyfriend would have married me. I just thought abortion would be best for everybody," she said candidly. "See, I don't think the unborn is a person, but I'm wondering if you can give me a good reason to believe otherwise."

THE SOLUTION

(as told by Chris, an atheist college student)

If I were to get more involved in the pro-life cause I'd tend to use Mr. Wagner's approach as training wheels...Steve Wagner said that he would teach us strictly secular arguments. I think this approach is crucial. When many pro-choice people hear any trace of religious beliefs, it effectively undermines the pro-life case. I am actually an atheist, which puts me in the minority of this country's pro-life population. I like Steve Wagner's approach because, even though he said he believes Christianity, he can demonstrate that one should agree with pro-lifers even without religious assumptions. There are ethical assumptions needed, but they are minimal and not widely rejected.

A NOTE FROM STEVE

Do you want to save the unborn and their parents from abortion but are just unsure if your prayers and financial support would make a difference? I want to make a long-term strategic impact that will solve the problem for good. To bring justice to the unborn and real help to their parents, we shouldn't focus primarily on changing public policy. We must focus on changing public opinion first. And we can't wait for pro-choice advocates to come to

That's why I'm aiming to train thousands of pro-life advocates to actively engage their friends and neighbors in dialogue, making a case for the unborn with tough minds and tender hearts. Usually, I train pro-life Christ-followers, but I enjoy training pro-life atheists like Chris, too. Whose heart and mind are we seeking to change? I'd like to say it's only those who aren't following Christ who are pro-choice. Camille's story, though, illustrates how the church needs our message as much as anybody.



Can I personally mentor thousands of people? Of course not. Instead, as Director of Training at Justice For All, I'll mentor pro-life leaders to not only speak to audiences and answer the tough questions, but also to model pro-life persuasion in real-time with those who disagree. They reach the pro-choice advocate and train the pro-life advocate at the same time! And they are equipped to gather pro-life advocates around them to train thousands more than I could ever train alone.

Will you consider helping me make this strategic impact by giving a regular gift to Justice For All? I am responsible to raise 100% of my salary through the gifts of people like you. Some give as little as 100 a month, and they are a big encouragement to me. Thank you for considering partnering with me to help pro-life advocates save the unborn and their parents from abortion. – SW

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT STEVE'S WORK

"[Steve Wagner is] hands down, the single best trainer on the topic of person to person pro-life persuasion."

- Scott Klusendorf, President, Life Training Institute (<u>www.prolifetraining.com</u>) and author of <u>The Case for Life</u> (Crossway, 2009), which features Steve's training material

"Steve [regularly lectures at Focus on the Family Institute and]...has not only taught, but demonstrated how to engage others in the abortion debate with a great mix of using the mind and heart in conjunction with one another...Steve understands what it takes to speak Truth to a hurting culture."

- Chris Leland, Focus on the Family Institute



"Some books are well-timed. Stephen Wagner's *Common Ground Without Compromise: 25 Questions to Create Dialogue on Abortion* (Stand to Reason, 2008) should help many pro-lifers achieve the progress possible in a tough political environment: Transformations of heart and mind can save many lives now and create opportunities for when the political pendulum swings back."

– Marvin Olasky, "Abortion Treadmill," *World Magazine* (January 17, 2009)

"The guy is making perfect sense...He's an articulate, intelligent, calm presence. Suddenly, a chill creeps up your spine: I hope there are people on the pro-choice side who are equally perceptive and balanced."

 Nerve Magazine (an online adult magazine that's no friend to pro-life advocates), referring to Steve's work featured in Unborn in the USA, a 2007 documentary

GET TRAINING FROM STEVE

- Justice For All's *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue* Training Program (Directed by Steve, this program includes a seminar, <u>interactive guide</u>, <u>manual</u>, guided outreach, and personal attention from an experienced mentor. This program has trained more than 1,000 pro-life advocates.)
- <u>www.STR.org/CommonGround</u>: Common Ground Without Compromise (Book Info & Extras)
- <u>www.stephenmwagner.com</u>: Steve's Blog, Videos, and Links to Articles

How to Support Steve

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- Use the giving coupon to send a monthly gift or special gift.
- Use the links on the right-hand side at <u>www.stephenmwagner.com</u>
- To help Steve plan and to make things simpler for you, consider automatic debit from a checking account or credit card. Contact Toni at JFA (316-683-6426) to discuss this option.

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