

Opening the Casket on Abortion

Tammy Cook's Justice For All Monthly Update

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I recently presented a workshop at a Respect Life Conference in Fort Myers, Florida. I chatted with numerous participants afterwards and many of them said this was the best pro-life presentation they had ever attended. They said that learning how to share JFA's Exhibit Brochure and how to respond to the question of abortion in the case of rape was invaluable.

It was the first time that most participants learned the story of Emmett Till and how in 1955 he was brutally murdered for "whistling at a white girl." His mother, Mamie Till, recognized that the word "racism" had lost its meaning to her generation so she decided to hold an open-casket service for Emmett. Jet Magazine took it a step further and published photos of Emmett's mutilated body lying in the casket in its September 15, 1955 issue and our country was forever changed. Millions of people **saw** the violence of racism for the very first time. Historians point to this event as the catalyst for the civil rights movement. Mamie Till courageously allowed her son's mutilated body to be seen in order to *open the casket on racism*. In much the same way, since the word "abortion" has lost its meaning to this generation, we aim to *open the casket on abortion* by showing images of aborted children to restore meaning to the word "abortion."



I never realized how violent it was even though I have always been against abortion. This presentation makes me want to do more to help the victims.

A high school teacher that attended the conference was deeply impacted by what she had learned and immediately requested permission to teach her 140 high school students how to give a one-on-one tour of our Exhibit Brochure. Her request was approved promptly. She plans to include the story of Emmett Till since the brochure contains graphic images.

I am so thankful for your support that makes presentations like this one possible. You are a valuable member of the team that is working to make abortion unthinkable, one person at a time.

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In Christ,
Tammy