



Loving Every Human Being with JFA

Resource Bulletin – June 2018



PRAY FOR CONVERSATIONS

Pray for Recent/Upcoming Events (Partial List): Pray for wisdom for the team members who plan JFA’s outreach event schedule. Pray for the health of our trainers that they might keep active in the field. Pray for each person we train and each person with whom we converse at outreach, that God will kindle new affection in their hearts for women in distress and for the smallest humans on earth.

- June 6 (La Mirada, CA): Presentation – Redeemer Church
- June 7 (Wichita, KS): Interactive Workshop – St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
- June 21 (Wichita, KS): Poll Table Outreach Event – Wichita State University (WSU)
- June 23 (Phoenix, AZ): Interactive Workshop (via video conference) – Civis Audacia
- June 24 (Washington, DC): Interactive Workshop – SFLA Wilberforce/Stevens Fellows
- July 18 (David City, NE): Interactive Workshop – Aquinas High School
- July 19, 21 (Columbus, NE): Interactive Workshops – St. Bonaventure Catholic Church
- July 28 (Washington, DC): Interactive Seminar – SFLA Regional Coordinators

See More Upcoming and Recent Events, including Photos: www.jfaweb.org/calendar

PREPARE FOR CONVERSATIONS

Featured Resource for Equipping Yourself: In the last two months, we’ve encouraged you to read Parts 1 and 2 of “A Living Room Conversation,” by JFA trainer Grace Fontenot. This month, you can finish the story by reading Part 3, in which Grace discusses the topic of feminism with “Heidi,” a young woman she met, not during an outreach event, but in an everyday-life setting. Do you know someone, like Heidi, who wants to be pro-life, but is fearful of coming across as “anti-woman”? Through this story, you’ll learn one of the most powerful arguments we’ve found for helping pro-choice advocates rethink their position. It will prepare you to explain how the pro-life view is the most consistent position on abortion for those who care about women’s rights and human equality.

Read Part 3 or Download a Printable Version: www.jfaweb.org/living-room-conversation
See More Dialogue Examples: www.jfaweb.org/dialogue-examples

START CONVERSATIONS

Featured Conversation Starter: Use the recent JFA blog post, “Can She Embrace Both?” to start a conversation with a friend on social media. The post features a panel from JFA’s *Art of Life* Exhibit which suggests that “embracing child and career” is “better than abortion.” The image on the panel, though, is a painting which appears to be only loosely related to the title...until one looks a little closer. The post also features free speech board comments about the panel and asks the viewer to add his or her own comments to begin a conversation. The post ends with the question, “How can we help an underprivileged woman to embrace both her unborn child and her career?”

Share the Post Via Twitter: www.twitter.com/7conversations
Share the Post Via the JFA Blog: www.jfaweb.org/start-the-conversation

What can I do to love every human involved in unwanted pregnancy?

About the *Loving Every Human Being with JFA* Resource Bulletin

Friends of JFA ask, “What can I do to love every human involved in unwanted pregnancy?” This resource bulletin offers some answers. Supporting JFA financially enables JFA’s trainers and volunteers to create conversations that kindle affection for unborn children and their parents, but beyond that, you can **PRAY** for conversations the JFA community is creating, **PREPARE** for conversations, and **START** conversations.

Pray for conversations. Prepare for conversations. Start conversations.

A Living Room Conversation

Part 3: Human Equality and Women's Rights



GRACE FONTENOT'S MONTHLY UPDATE



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Dear Friends and Family,

In my last two newsletters, Parts 1 and 2 of “A Living Room Conversation” (www.jfaweb.org/living-room-conversation), I shared portions of my conversation with “Heidi,” the babysitter at one of my JFA host homes. At the beginning of our conversation, Heidi personally believed that abortion was wrong, but she felt that she couldn't tell others what to do. For example, she felt uncomfortable with making abortion illegal. After discussing that topic (Part 1), we also talked through

the biology of the unborn and the reasons why the unborn is a living, human organism, like you and me, just at a different stage of development (Part 2).

When I last wrote, I paused the story when one of the kids whom Heidi was babysitting complained of a sore throat. After helping him and sending him back to bed, Heidi and I continued our conversation:

Heidi: One of my main concerns is that I live in a city that is very liberal, and being pro-life is not popular. I don't want to be considered...

Grace: Anti-woman?

Heidi: Yeah!



Above, I am shown discussing equal rights with a pro-choice student next to the art table at JFA's outreach to the University of Kansas last month.

Her eyes widened. It seemed to be a comfort that I understood why she felt torn. I then asked her if she would like for me to explain to her the reasons I can call myself a feminist *and* a pro-life advocate. “I would love it if you would,” she replied with a big smile stretching across her face.

I then shared with Heidi the Equal Rights Argument, a series of questions that can help someone to understand that equal rights can only be based on something that we all share equally, and the thing we share equally that best explains our equal rights is our common humanity.

Grace: Let's take a step away from the topic of abortion for a moment. Do you agree that all born human beings deserve equal treatment? If you agree that we deserve to be treated equally, then there must be something equal or the same about us, right? So what is the same about us that demands our equal treatment?

Heidi: It's that we're human! I think I know where you're going with this!



JUSTICE FOR ALL - TRAINING THOUSANDS TO MAKE ABORTION UNTHINKABLE FOR MILLIONS, ONE PERSON AT A TIME

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Grace: Yes, you're right! See, the reason that racism and sexism are wrong is because we all deserve to be treated equally based on our common humanity; so, if the unborn are also human like we are, they have to be included in the group of beings that have equal rights.

Now let's turn to feminism. If I claim that I deserve equal rights as a woman because I am equally human to men, but then I turn around and say that I also deserve the right to end the life of someone else who is equally human to *me* through abortion, then I would be betraying the foundation of my feminist beliefs. *So it actually makes more sense to be a pro-life feminist than it does to be a pro-choice one!*

Heidi: That's so helpful! Feminism is such a big deal right now, and I'm a woman! I don't want to be accused of being anti-woman, but I also don't want to have to sacrifice my pro-life beliefs. Thank you so much for discussing this with me.

Before heading upstairs to my room for the evening, I decided to ask Heidi if the conversation had impacted her views on abortion in any way. In the same fashion as she had handled the entire conversation, Heidi took time to think carefully before replying. She paused and then shared an incredibly encouraging answer:

Heidi: I grew up in a very conservative town. I remember ignoring any conversation about politics because my dad and my friends' dads would talk about politics constantly. But now, I feel as though I need to be more informed about politics so that I can start voting and form my own opinions on different political subjects. I feel so excited because, since talking to you, I feel like I know the reasons why I believe what I believe about abortion. I feel confident now that I can share them, and I can participate in conversations about the topic because the reasons backing up my position are sound.

Heidi and I had a fantastic conversation, covering almost every topic in JFA's *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue* seminars. I'm so thankful that we were able to talk that evening because now Heidi feels equipped to share her views with those within her sphere of influence. She told me at the end of our conversation that she leads a Bible study on her campus for freshman girls, and that she hopes to have a conversation with them about unplanned pregnancy and abortion in the future.

You never know how far one conversation can go, and you never know how many people it can impact. This is a perfect example of starting conversations about abortion in everyday life. For multiple conversation starter ideas, see the JFA blog (www.jfaweb.org/start-the-conversation). Here's one example: You could start a conversation with a friend by sharing JFA's social media post titled, "Can She Embrace Both?" (www.jfaweb.org/embrace-both). The idea of starting a conversation may seem intimidating, but if we are truly serious about protecting mothers, fathers, and babies from abortion, then a little bit of awkwardness is a small sacrifice to pay.

For the sake of His sorrowful passion,



Equal Rights Argument*

- Do you agree that we all deserve equal treatment, at least regarding the basic right to life?
- If we deserve to be treated equally, doesn't that mean there has to be something the same about us?
- What is the same about us?

* For more examples of the Equal Rights Argument in action, see www.jfaweb.org/equal-rights.

