More Conversations

A Short Explanation of One JFA Passion

JFA Executive Director's Monthly Letter

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Dear Friend,

In the photo below, five JFA staff members are pictured in conversations at the University of Kansas in April. Jordan (1), Joanna (3), CK (4), Jeremy (5), and I (2) were all engaging pro-choice advocates at the moment this photo was taken. The photo is special, not because the moment is rare, but because it's not often that we can show so many examples of our passion for conversation in one frame, with all faces visible.



At one point in my lengthy conversation with Stephan (2), he stopped and silently pondered one of my questions. It was one of those powerful moments when I could tell he was genuinely considering the pro-life perspective, and he was doing so without having to defend turf or defend his honor. I was both challenging him and giving him space to come to his own conclusions.

This is a different kind of conversation about abortion, and the JFA team is working to create thousands of conversations of this sort in any given year. Why are conversations such a big deal to us? At least three reasons come readily to mind: Conversations (1) allow us to interact with people for whom abortion is "thinkable" and for whom we want it to become unthinkable, (2) provide the space in time that encourages people to stop, reflect, and consider change, and (3) allow us to relationally connect with each unique person.

Our passion for conversation motivated our team to produce eight days of outreach on five campuses just in the month of April (U. of Kansas, Georgia State U., California State U. at Fresno, Fresno City College, and Fort Hays State U. in Kansas). That same passion is motivating our team to produce four seminars in one weekend in Southern California, as well as two days of outreach at UCLA (May 30-June 2). Pray that in every conversation our staff members, mission trip participants, and other volunteers will balance *love* for both the unborn and their parents with the *truth* about the unborn, their parents, and God's love for all of us.

Warmly,



Steve Wagner
Executive Director, JFA

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