



Rebecca's Reflections



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Your Turn to Share

Last month in my newsletter you saw the front cover of the Justice For All Exhibit brochure. This brochure has saved the lives of multiple children from being aborted. These children are alive because their mothers, who contemplated abortion, were approached by a friend, family member, or sometimes even a stranger, who cared enough to share the brochure with these women.

If a five-minute conversation could save the life of a child, even if it made you uncomfortable, would you initiate the conversation? Would you know what to say, and would you have the materials needed to make the conversation productive? Allow me to give you some helpful ideas and materials.

Through the *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue* seminar, we have trained hundreds of volunteers to share the JFA Exhibit brochure with others. Once you learn the process, sharing the brochure with someone else can take less than five minutes. The brochure is a great way to start a conversation but also a great tool to aid you in having **more in-depth discussion**. Here is how you can be equipped with the same skills that we teach our volunteers.

A portion of the script that JFA volunteers use to practice explaining the brochure to others is on the back page of this newsletter. Pages 2-3 of the brochure are pictured below and pages 4-5 (**Warning: graphic images included**) are pictured on the back for you to reference.

Practice this script with a pro-life friend, spouse, son, or daughter as a *first step* in preparing yourself for a real world conversation. After practicing the script, I challenge you to share the brochure in a loving manner with someone who disagrees with you about abortion.

If you agree to graciously share this brochure, send in the enclosed Brochure Request Form, and I will mail a copy to you. You can also view the online version at www.jfaweb.org/Exhibit.

As you wait for the brochure to arrive, please pray for those with whom you will share the brochure. Ask God to give you the wisdom and grace you will need in each of the conversations you have.

Please let me know if you any questions about sharing the brochure. I would love to hear back from you on how your conversation went.

Defending life together,

Rebecca J. Hasche

Is she/he Human?

8 week embryo (1st trimester)

"Human embryos and human fetuses are human beings, each with their own unique genetic DNA."
Ralph P. Miesch, Associate Professor of Molecular Pharmacology, Emory, Brown University

"Science has a very simple conception of man; as soon as he has been conceived, a man is a man."
Jerome LeJeune, M.D., Ph.D., former Professor of Fundamental Genetics, Hospital des Enfants Malades, Paris, France; William Allan Memorial Award, Kennedy Prize

"When fertilization is complete, a unique genetic human entity exists."
C. Christopher Hoek, M.D., Oncologist, Mayo Clinic, Director of Ethics Education, Mayo Graduate School of Medicine

"...the status of the fetus has been elevated to that of a patient who, in large measure, can be given the same meticulous care that obstetricians provide for pregnant woman."
Williams Obstetrics, 20th edition, F. Gary Cunningham et al., Appleton & Lange, 1997, p. 151.

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Exhibit Brochure, Page 2

When are we human?

sperm enters ovum fertilization (unique & complete human genome) 2 cell conceptus (24 hrs.)

implantation (6 days) 4 week embryo (heartbeat at 3 wks) 7 week embryo (brainwaves at 6 wks)

2nd trimester fetus (18 wks.) 3rd trimester fetus (35 wks) partially born fetus

newborn toddler young child

adolescent young adult elderly adult

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Break the Ice: Everyday Life

1. [Suggestion: Invite your friend to coffee, saying upfront that you have a specific purpose for meeting with him or her. See 2 below.]

2. "I recently learned about the Justice For All Exhibit, which is a tool used to create dialogue on abortion. It's pretty controversial, and I'm thinking through what I think of the Exhibit and abortion. May I give you a quick explanation of the Exhibit and get your opinion about it? It will take about 4-5 minutes and then we can talk about it for as long as you'd like."

Pages 2-3

3. (Page 2) The Exhibit shows a picture of the unborn at eight weeks from fertilization. If you think about it, each of us was once the size of a quarter, just like this embryo.

4. (Page 2) Questions are at the top of each the panels to encourage people to ponder what is being asked as well as create dialogue about abortion.

5. (Pages 2-3) The Exhibit shows pictures of humans through all the stages of human development.

6. So with these two panels, the Exhibit is asking **"Is the unborn a human being?"**

7. [Before turning to Pages 4-5] "The next two page are graphic. Are you willing to view them?"

Pages 4-5

8. (Page 4) This is Samuel Armas...after birth...and then also before birth. Samuel had a condition called spina bifida. The developing spinal column has a hole where it hasn't closed properly. If untreated, usually the baby in the womb will injure his spine while moving around in the womb.

9. That's his mother's uterus; it's been lifted outside of her body, and the surgeon went in to fix a hole in his spinal column. After the surgery, Sammy popped his hand out of the uterus and the doctor slipped his finger underneath—a little bit like the first doctor patient handshake!

10. This is how we treat wanted unborn children. We treat them humanely. We give them surgeries to help them live more normal lives. But how do we treat unwanted unborn children? We give them a very different surgery: abortion [pointing to page 5].

11. So, the question we're asking is, **"Does being wanted or unwanted change the value of a human being?"**

Move the Conversation Forward

12. (Option 1) I'm curious: What do you think?

13. (Option 2) Let's go back page two. You remember we asked the question, "Is the unborn a human being?" I'm curious, "What do you think?"

How do we treat the unborn?

21 week fetus in-utero grasps surgeon's finger after corrective surgery for spina bifida.

10 weeks after birth

Humane unless they are unwanted

ADDICTS
crack babies or fetal alcohol syndrome

HANDICAPPED
mentally, physically or emotionally

POOR
underprivileged or just plain

HATED
conceived in rape

INCONVENIENT

Exhibit Brochure, Page 4

Is this Humane?

9 week aborted fetus (1st trimester)

Before a class of humans can legally be victimized, they must first be dehumanized

"Every child a wanted child."
Planned Parenthood

"We really need to get over this love affair with the fetus."
Dr. Joycelyn Elders
former United States Surgeon General

"...unwantedness may be regarded as a major complication of pregnancy, with abortion as the indicated treatment rather than medical management, as would be the case with a wanted pregnancy."
Dr. Warren Hersh, Abortion Practice, p. 8

"So, what will it be: Wanted fetuses are charming, complex REM-dreaming little beings whose profile on the sonogram looks just like Daddy, but unwanted ones are mere uterine material?"
Neusel Wolf, Author, Feminist, Social Critic
The New Republic, 10/16/55

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