

## Patsy Hinton – Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> 2011

“Extremely convicting. It made me question my courage. I pray it causes many to evaluate their silence.” says Francis Chan about the 180 DVD produced by Ray Comfort from *Way of the Master*, a street evangelism program for sharing the gospel. The 180 DVD documents the quick turn-around young people around the country made on the issue of abortion as they looked at their position on the Holocaust. The young adults in the documentary are surprised at the inconsistency they apply when thinking about the horrors of the Holocaust as compared to their thoughts on abortion. In the usual style of Ray Comfort, he gently guides the conversation from the Holocaust, to abortion, and then to the gospel. The rapid change and softening of the people documented in the video isn't what I expected to experience; however, it is exactly what happened as I accompanied 30 high school students and half a dozen teachers to USF where we proceeded to give out 5000 of the DVDs. Last Tuesday across the nation more than 200,000 DVDs were given out on more than 120 college campuses. The conversations we had were many and memorable.

A young woman came up to me after receiving a DVD; she said she was Jewish and pro-choice. She was adamant in her protest against comparing the Holocaust to abortion and anything that would limit a woman's choice. I asked her what made the Holocaust so awful, and she said the killing of so many people. I then asked her some questions about the killing of more than 53,000,000 million babies through legalized abortion in our country, to which she answered, “it the mother choice to end the life of her baby if she wants because it may not even be a baby yet.” We discussed when a baby becomes a baby, and she had no specific answer because she said it was up to each mother when her fetus became a baby. I asked her if I understood her correctly that she believed a fetus became a baby at some arbitrary time depending on the mother. She said, “Yes!” I asked her what was the difference in a baby at two weeks gestation and eight months gestation, and she said she didn't know. I explained the only difference between a baby at conception, and at any other time in life is how much they have developed. If she was wrong, and the baby was a baby/a person from conception, than babies were being killed. I then asked her to complete this sentence, “It's okay to murder a baby in the womb when...” To which she said, “When the mom wants to do so.” I asked, “So, it's okay to murder a baby in the womb when the mom wants to murder the baby?” She paused and seemed to be hesitant to respond. At that moment, a friend of hers walked up and said, “What's this DVD about?” I told her and she said, “Oh, I'm a Christian and Pro-Life.” The Jewish young woman seemed surprised. I don't know if it's because she didn't know her friend was Pro-Life, a Christian or both. Anyway, this student told us how her mom had an abortion as a teen, and she had attempted suicide. The demeanor of the young first young woman softened, and by the time we parted, she said she would watch the video, which was a major change in her position from when she first spoke to me.

Another young lady said, “Five people already tried to give me that DVD.” I sat next to her and said, “OK.” We spent the next 15 minutes discussing her classes, a professor, and her family, how she grew up in a Catholic. She said when she would ask her mom questions, her mom would say, “You just need to love God. Now, go to your room.” We discussed faith and the role of logic and reasoning as a part of our faith. She then asked, “So what's that DVD about?” I told her and said she would probably like it because it presents the information about the Holocaust and abortion in a very logic manner. She then asked me if she could have a DVD. I typically found that with many of the students just spending a few minutes talking with them made for a situation where they would allow me to ask questions, and then they would open up. So many said they would watch the video and at least give it a chance.

If you want to hear another good story, talk to Scott Mahurin.

Today, I have copies of the DVD to give out, and we'd like to start with sharing them with high school and college students, and young adults. The video has brief graphic images from the Holocaust so be prepared for that as you view it. I suggest you watch the video then pass it on to someone you

know that might benefit from being engaged on this topic. You can also view the DVD, like more than a million people have done, on the internet at [www.heartchanger.com](http://www.heartchanger.com).

It's time we were loving and courageous. We need to engage those that don't understand each child is created in God's image, and personhood begins at conception. God calls us to love Him with all our heart, our mind and soul. Using the 180 DVD is tool to help you engage the hearts and minds of people on the issues of abortion, recognition of personhood for each baby, and as a tool to share the gospel. It is my hope you will find the DVD extremely convicting, that you will question your courage. And that you evaluate your silence on the subject of abortion.