

Message Notes



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Sanctuary of Life: Be Unhidden... Be Persuasive... But DBW!

How to be unhidden and persuasive:

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. **Speak tenderly** to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.* (Isaiah 40:1-2)

“**Speak tenderly**” (Hebrew Idiom) = Speak to the heart

Avoid FTV (Fetus tunnel vision)

noun

1. the inability to see and/or acknowledge human rights injustices without equating or comparing them to abortion.

Blog/FB: “2,977 people died on 9/11. 3,300 babies are killed every day in abortion facilities. Why does everyone get so upset about the former and not the latter?”

Blog/FB: “Number of American battle deaths in all U.S. wars since 1776: 655,531. Number of abortions in the United States from 1967-2014: 57,918,236. Ratio of U.S. abortions to battle deaths in all U.S. Wars: 88.3 to 1.

Why avoid FTV?

1. It generates shame.
2. It never leads to good conversation.
3. I've never met someone who was “joked to Jesus.”

#1: You won't persuade a lot of people to become pro-life while comparing every single instance of multiple people dying to abortion. (Wars; holocaust; 9/11; Aurora; Paris)

#2: Other human rights injustices matter too.

#3: Comparing every instance of mass killing to abortion is rude.

#4: Thoughtful pro-choice people will see that you're begging the question.

Be Unhidden! Be Persuasive! Speak to the Heart

1. Be non-combative
2. Be empathic
3. Be grace
- 4.

Next steps: Learn and practice the three arguments for fetal personhood (Humanness, Rational Nature, and Future of Value) by using syllogisms. For Example:

P1: All human organisms are persons/human.

P2: The unborn are a human organism.

C1/P3: Therefore the unborn are valuable human beings/persons.

P4: Abortion kills valuable human beings/persons.

C2/P5: Abortion is prima facie a tragedy.

P6: Society believes that 12 people killed in Aurora/Paris is a tragedy.

P7: Society does not believe that abortion is a tragedy.

C3: Society is confused.

You can only get to C3 if P2 is true. If P2 is false, then there is no societal confusion. It would make perfect sense for people to mourn Aurora/Paris and not abortion, because only in Aurora/Paris were actual persons killed.