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A family friend



Filipino Christian Fellowship

I've recently begun watching the 80s television series *Quantum Leap* again. The premise of the series is that Sam, a scientist from the future, would "leap" into someone else's body in the past. Sam would always become this new person prior to when he or she had a chance to make a difference for good, an opportunity not originally taken. For example, in one episode, Sam, in the body of a disabled man, manages to convince someone to hire him at a time when no one hired anyone with Down syndrome. In fact, Sam can't "leap" out of a body until a good act is accomplished.

It made me wonder what pro-lifers could do if we could change history. We could change abortion laws, convince sceptics of the pro-life position before they *became* sceptics, and we could save lives of countless unborn children.

Of course, we can't really leap back into the past. But we can change our future for good, today. This became really clear when I went on a speaking tour in Winnipeg this past summer. Among other presentations, I was invited to speak to four different churches, all during their main Sunday service.

I actually grew up in Winnipeg and I was glad to reconnect with many people there. The first church I spoke at was actually my first real "home" church. It was where I grew in my faith and where I became the *de facto* youth leader. Though I had shared the pro-life message there as a teen, this was the first time I could come in as a professional. Many of my old church friends were encouraged by the fact that I decided to leave my job to work full time to save babies while many of the new members said they didn't even know how horrible abortion was until my presentation. One wrote, **"It's nice to have this issue discussed and brought to churches. This will remind everyone of our Christian responsibility."** She committed to supporting me monthly. Even the pastor was supportive of our work and invited me back to speak.



Living Christ Community Church

The following Sunday I spoke at a new, and therefore smaller, church. I spoke to several of their young people after the service who told me that they were glad to be exposed to the truth of abortion.

My last Sunday in Winnipeg, I was asked to speak at two different churches, one right after the other. The first service that day was at a church started by a family friend. The church had grown and included many active youth and young adults. In fact, many of the kids in the church were children of old family friends. These friends were only slightly older than I was and now they had two or more children! That is why many were challenged when I asked them if we truly understand the value of human life and the horror of abortion. They couldn't imagine how parents dehumanise the life of their own children in order to justify their deaths. An old friend told me on the phone "**I didn't realize that's what abortion did. I can't forget those pictures.**" She too is supporting me financially.

In fact, many from these churches immediately understood their responsibility. They told me they wanted to become regular financial supporters because they understood they could help make a difference on abortion now.

The last church I attended was another church with many old friends and family. It was a shock then to hear that an old family friend was pregnant out of wedlock. She had actually announced it publicly at the church the week before so she could ask for the congregation's forgiveness.



Followers of Christ Church

She later told me that though she was a Christian and had heard me speak on abortion before, the first thing she thought about when she got pregnant was getting an abortion. Her boyfriend and his mother were pressuring her to abort and she was tempted to think that choice would be easier. But when she heard I was in Winnipeg, she thought to herself, "**It's no coincidence that Jojo is going to speak about abortion at my church at this time.**"

When I arrived at her church, I didn't see her and was wondering if she would even make it. But she did show up, a few minutes before the service was to start and she stayed during my pro-life presentation. Later she told me that she couldn't watch the abortion video but took a copy home with her. She tried to avoid watching it by herself, wanting her boyfriend to see it too.

Because he refused, she decided to watch the video on her own. She said the video confirmed her decision not to abort and she told her boyfriend never to mention abortion again. When I called to see how she was doing, she told me her story and gave me permission to share it with you. A few days later, she e-mailed me asking me to be her child's godfather. For those of you who pray, please pray for this young woman and her children. She is a good friend who needs to know that others care.

I was only able to speak to those churches because friends and supporters like you are willing to continually support me. It's because of your support that I can do this work full-time. Though we can't change bad decisions in the past as on *Quantum Leap*, our life-affirming message can make a difference in the lives of people today. On behalf of this young woman, this child, and her family, thank you for being willing to make that difference.

Sincerely,

Upcoming Schedule:

I'll be speaking at local venues in Calgary in the new year as I'll also be preparing for the truck launch.

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