

The Equipped for Life Course is Live!

By Josh and Timothy Brahm

We have been slowly working our way to the launch of this online training course since we started ERI twenty-eight months ago. The pro-life movement has needed a resource like this for a long time and we're so excited to finally be able to meet this need. Now excellent training in pro-life dialogue is not only available to individuals that have a group like ERI come to them in person. Anyone can get it now at an extremely low cost and they can learn to dialogue at their own pace.

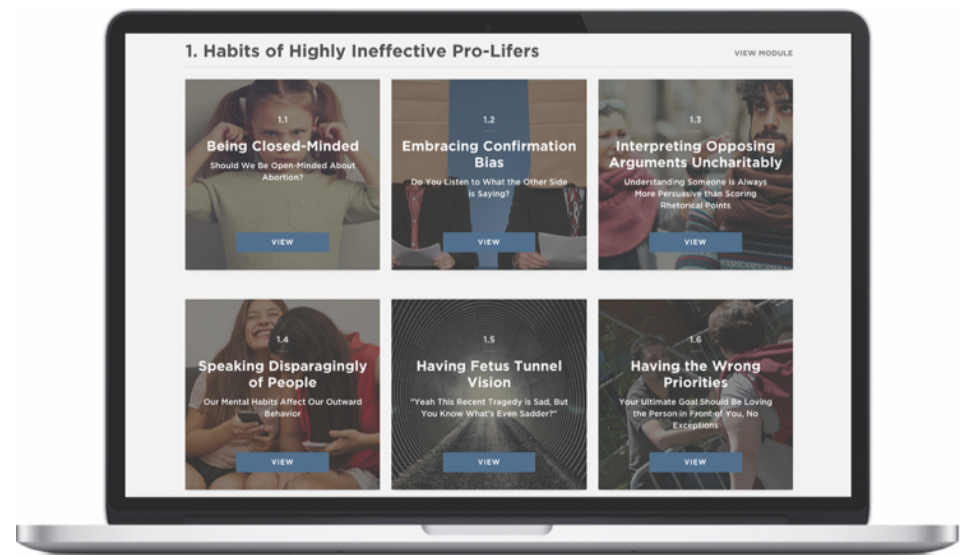
For the next few months we'll be primarily focused on marketing the course as well as updating it regularly with new content. Students for Life of America has asked us to speak on apologetics at eight of their fall leadership summit events. This gives us the opportunity to get in front of pro-life club leaders all over the country as well as meet with some of them and their clubs before or after the summit. We're also taking advantage of the fact that we're going to be traveling all over the country by scheduling speeches at nearby universities in order to reach more students. Take a look at our speaking schedule on the next page and you'll see that it's going to be very busy around here!

We arrived in North Carolina at the very end of July and we worked non-stop in August just trying to get the course up by our August 31st deadline. It's remarkable how many details it takes to finish a project like this.

We'd love for each one of our supporters to have a chance to see the fruits of our labor. If you go to EquippedCourse.com you can read more about the topics covered in the course, as well as the podcast, forum, and group

activities. We'll also be hosting regular webinars to give people a preview of the course and a chance to ask us questions. Stay tuned to our Facebook page or emails for opportunities to interact with us that way.

Thank you so much for making this possible by supporting us through this process, especially while we've been more sparse in our communication.



Our New Office!



We love walking into the office we set up in Josh's house. It's about 4x larger than the tiny room Josh and Tim have been crammed in for the last 18 months, and we've been able to make it our own, including ERI's blue colors on the wall, a standing desk/editing station for Josh, and the equipment we needed for the Equipped for Life podcast!



Latest From the Blog:

LEARNING TO ALLOW SPACE FOR THE "THINKING PAUSE"

You can't dialogue well about abortion or anything else unless you learn to listen well. It should be obvious to anyone that if you want to listen well you shouldn't interrupt people when they're in the middle of a sentence. Something much less obvious is that you shouldn't interrupt people when they're in the middle of an important thought. An excellent listener should develop both the wisdom to recognize and the patience to allow space for a thinking pause.

There are two types of pauses that can take place after someone finishes talking: 1) a conclusion pause, and 2) a thinking pause. A conclusion pause takes place when the person has concluded his statement and is ready for you to jump in with your thoughts. A thinking pause takes place when the person hasn't actually concluded; when he intends to continue but needs to stop to think. *Continue reading at blog.EqualRightsInstitute.com.*

Speaking Events



Oct. 1: Missouri
Oct. 8: Regis University, Denver, CO
Oct. 10: Colorado State University
Oct. 11: CU Boulder
Oct. 15: Belmont, NC
Oct. 22: Dallas, TX (LS)
Nov. 5: University of Kentucky
Nov. 12: La Crosse, WI
Nov. 19: Fairfax, VA
Nov. 19: Long Island, NY
Jan. 22: SFLA National Conference, San Francisco, CA
Jan. 28: SFLA National Conference, Upper Marlboro, MD
Mar. 18: Harvard, Cambridge, MA
Mar. 18: Omaha, NE
Mar 25: Philadelphia, PA
Apr. 8: Seattle, WA
Apr. 8: Orlando, FL
Apr. 22: Phoenix, AZ

Personal Note from Josh

It's been a busy few months! I feel like I always say that, but this seems unique: Tim got married, they honeymooned while I spoke in DC and then we both got back just in time to pack the moving truck and drive across the country! The next four weeks were spent setting up our new office including a functioning podcast studio, and then getting the course ready to launch. A few weeks of 15-hour work days later and we accomplished all of our goals!

Naturally this had a negative impact on my body, although I think God was sustaining me because I didn't get sick until the day after the launch! Unfortunately I still haven't recovered. I suffer from fairly significant shoulder and neck pain every day, which is usually where I hurt most when I get sick. (I was pretty much incapacitated from neck and shoulder pain the entire weekend after the launch.) Your prayers for full healing are very appreciated.

On a more positive note, we love our house. Hannah has been doing an amazing job making it ours, not only through painting, but even by creating built-in bookshelves, installing molding, board and batten, and installing new light fixtures. Then she installed a slide on the hill in our backyard before getting out her tools and cutting all of the wood pieces needed to create a ladder and a deck for them to land on! I continue to be amazed by my wife's ingenuity, and she's having a blast learning how to use new power tools that she's been buying at yard sales.

The older two boys are enjoying their new school, and Eli is in love with Lily, our new puppy we got to keep him company while his brothers are in school. We're also enjoying taking them to the various places in Charlotte they've never been, like Steak n' Shake. (pictured)



Thanks especially to our donors and supporters who've lifted us up in prayer during this transition time. We've hit the ground running and we're not looking back!

~ Josh