

Filming the new advanced philosophy module for the Equipped for Life Course in our new studio!



We Are in the New Office!

by Josh Brahm

Rachel and I have had several days in the new office where we say something to each other along the lines of "I can't believe how awesome it is to have a video studio!" I am incredibly grateful that we now have this invaluable resource right here at the office because I can already see how revolutionary it is for how we are able to produce content. We have transitioned from our old model of planning one filming day weeks ahead of time, spending hours of staff time to coordinate a location and set up and pack equipment, to having everything ready to film in the room next to our office. Thank you so much for helping us get into the new office!

In the last newsletter, I told you about the philosophy team's hard work to complete the scripts for our advanced version of the Equal Rights Argument training videos. When Andrew was in Charlotte for the annual staff planning meeting, we were also able to film all of his videos for that module. This was Andrew's first time presenting on camera since coming on staff and I can't tell you how incredibly impressed I was by his hard work preparing for the filming day. His performance on these videos exceeded our expectations and I am hoping our course members can feel like they are really getting to know Andrew through the training.



THE PODCAST IS GOING PUBLIC!

This Fall we will not only be publishing new podcasts, but we will also be opening the Equipped for Life Podcast to the public wherever podcasts can be found, like iTunes, Spotify, and YouTube!

We have two main reasons for doing this and I am sure many of you will appreciate both! First, we want to make it easier for our Equipped for Life Course members to listen to the podcast,

and this will make it possible for them to do so from their phone without needing to log in to the course website and download the MP3 files. Second, this will make it possible for more people to get excited about our approach to pro-life dialogue because they can discover us through the podcast as a gateway to the rest of our content. Our team believes that some of our best training content is in this podcast and we want as many people to be able to listen as possible.



Rachel has been supervising a team of volunteers that are helping to prepare the podcast episodes that originally appeared as part of the Equipped for Life Course for public

consumption. Some of the episodes need to be edited so that pro-life advocates who haven't been through the course will be able to follow along without getting lost. Once that project is completed, we will be able to launch the podcast publicly both with our new episodes that we are recording now and with the old episodes available for new people who discover us.

ANNOUNCING THE SIDEWALK COUNSELING MASTERCLASS COMING SEPTEMBER 13TH!

Our whole team is so excited to be in the final stages of publishing the sidewalk counseling course! We are nearly finished with editing the videos, which will total about 8-hours of content, and now we're doing all the last-minute tasks that are required for us to publish and promote the course. I am so proud of all the hard work that our team has put into this very long and difficult project.

Originally, we intended to add material about sidewalk counseling to the Equipped for Life course as a module, but since we decided to



create a separate course, we want to honor what we told our Equipped for Life course members as best as we can. For that reason, we are offering the *Sidewalk Counseling Masterclass* to our *Equipped for Life Course* members for free, both through pre-order and

for the first two weeks that the course is available, through a coupon code that they will receive by email.

Personal Note to Josh's Friends and Supporters

My Dad, one of my heroes, entered the gates of Heaven last month. He fought his four year battle with cancer valiantly, and he will forever be an example in my mind of someone clinging well to his faith through the good times and the bad.

I'm grateful that Mom and all of my siblings were able to get to Atlanta in time to be with him before he passed. His medical team at Emory's ICU worked very hard to help him, but he ultimately experienced multiple organ failure and brain damage. He'd been unconscious for days and was kept comfortable.

Many of you have faithfully prayed for my Dad and family during this time. Your kind words have meant so much to us.

My family traveled back to Atlanta last week so that I could give a speech on relational apologetics and so that we could attend Dad's memorial service. I gave a eulogy as well as

played a new piano composition called "Remembering My Dad." I had felt inspired to musically express the bittersweet feeling of thinking about fond memories with Dad while grieving his death. I think it's the best song I've written yet, and I'm looking forward to recording it soon.

We're home now and as I write this I am taking care of our kids while Hannah takes a much-deserved break at the beach with her sister for three days. As you can see from the picture, chaos has indeed predictably ensued.

Warmly,

~ Josh

Top: While putting together a slideshow for Dad's funeral, my wife noticed that these pictures belonged together. One is from my Dad's wedding and the other is from mine.

Bottom: Chaos.

