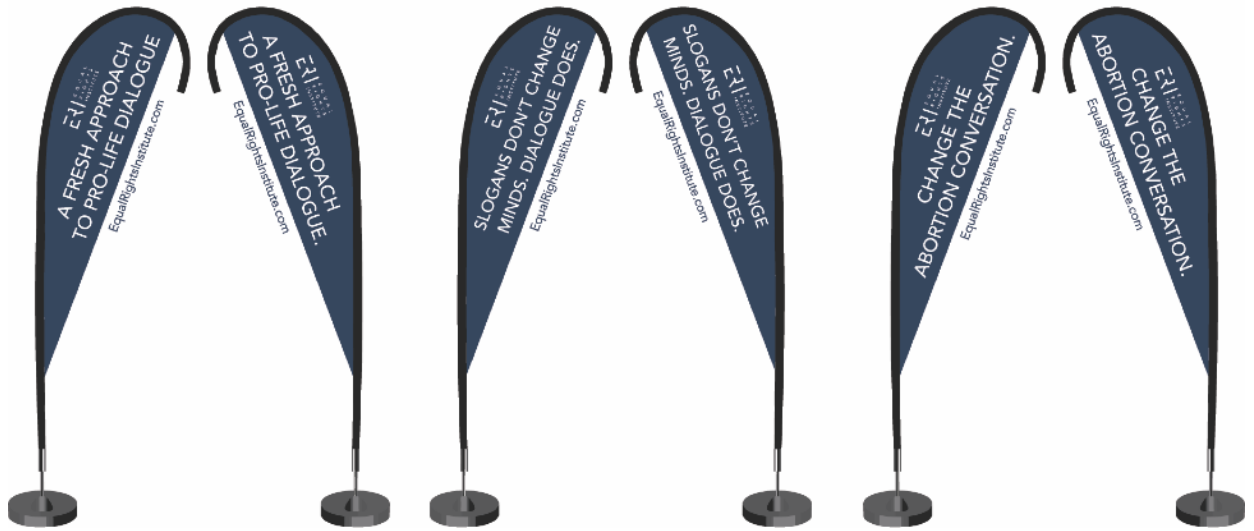


Mockups of the teardrop banners we want to bring to the March for Life this year! Read about it on the back page.



## The Transformative Power of the Sidewalk Counseling Masterclass

At the time I am writing this, our new sidewalk counseling training course has been out less than one month, but we are already hearing from our enrolled members how the training material is inspiring them. This training wouldn't have been possible without your faithful support these last two years, so we want to share the results with you! Here are what a few of our enrolled members have said:

"I would absolutely recommend this course to anyone wanting to get involved in sidewalk counseling. Before watching the course, sidewalk counseling seemed like an intimidating thing that should be left to others more knowledgeable and gifted. **After watching this course, I feel very confident that I could get out there and do it.**" - Jessica

"I have been sidewalk counseling for at least 5 years and learned some techniques that I would not have discovered on my own. This course will get new sidewalk counselors off to a great start. It will also give plenty of new tips and suggestions for counselors with experience as they reach out and talk to abortion-minded clients. I will be recommending the course to other counselors in my area." - Paul, Current Sidewalk Counselor

"The material in this course is thorough and relevant, but most of all **it made me feel less intimidated and more confident that I can do sidewalk counseling** in a compassionate and caring way. I've had some experience with sidewalk counseling and some training, but I **never felt that I could make a difference until now.**" - Debra, Sidewalk Counselor

"This course has real-life lessons from seasoned sidewalk counselors. I appreciated so much that they not only make suggestions of what to do, but also shared their own mistakes and what they have learned. It's paced such that you don't need any experience in sidewalk counseling to follow it. **The training is incredibly practical—seriously, this course will be some of the best money you ever spend!**" - Laura



A group of students from Louisiana who are taking the Sidewalk Counseling Course together!

We are so grateful for the opportunity to create this training and share it with so many pro-life advocates. This second online course has greatly expanded our mission field by reaching a whole new network of pro-life advocates who have a different calling and skillset than our Equipped for Life Course members.

We asked our Sidewalk Counseling Masterclass members why they want training from us in sidewalk counseling. Here are some of our favorite answers they gave:

- "Because at certain locations there's a lack of counselors, and I now feel I've got to do more than hold a sign."
- "I feel I could do more. The past approaches aren't effective."
- "I see this as the next step in my desire to save babies and stop the abortion industry."
- "I am currently being trained as a Client Advocate at a Pregnancy Center."
- "I am involved in pro-life telephone counseling, I am hoping some of the insights and lessons here will transfer to telephone counseling."
- "Our church has just started a ministry at a local abortion clinic."



Top: Jacob speaking on sidewalk counseling at the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Bottom: Recording a podcast with Jacob and Rachel about sidewalk counseling.

## Taking the DC Trip to Another Level

This year we have big plans for our annual Washington DC trip. We know that to accomplish our mission, we must reach more advocates in the pro-life movement.

We will bring the ERI message to the March for Life 2020 in a new way. First, we will organize an in-person meetup with ERI followers. Next, we will march together with those followers holding these three 12-foot high banners you see on the first page. We want pro-lifers to see our message and think, "Woah! What is that?" And when they ask us, not only will our staff be there to greet them, but also some of our most ambitious followers who know and love our training as much as we do.

The only problem is that we can't bring these banners to DC if we don't have the funding. Each banner costs \$400, and we project that it will cost us an additional \$5,000 to bring Jacob, Rachel and I to DC for the march, conference, and important meetings we have each year with other pro-life leaders. Would you consider

sponsoring one of these banners with a \$400 gift or sending one of our staff to DC with a \$1600 gift?

You can sponsor a banner or staff person by returning the giving envelope with a check enclosed. Please write "**March for Life Sponsorship**" in the **gift designation** section of the form included, *not* in the memo space of the check. If you choose to give your gift online at [EqualRightsInstitute.com/Donate](https://EqualRightsInstitute.com/Donate), when asked "Where would you like to direct your donation?" select the option "**March for Life Sponsorship.**"

This year, the Students for Life of America conference has transformed into a National Pro-Life Summit. This event is going to be much bigger than the conference from years past because Live Action, Alliance Defending Freedom, and The Heritage Foundation are all partnering on the event as well. **It is more important than ever for us to be there because we will have the opportunity to meet new pro-life advocates who have never heard of ERI before. Will you help us get to DC this year?**

## Personal Note to Josh's Friends and Supporters

One of the most important things I've done at home in the last few months is to continue grieving my Dad's death and help our kids (especially Noah) emotionally process what has happened. There has been a lot of conversations and crying with Noah, who really misses his "Bumpa." Grieving is a continuing process for me. I'm too busy to move through that process quickly, but I'm taking time at a nearby park semi-frequently and I'm rereading a wonderful book on healthy grieving called "*Invitation to Tears*" by my friend Jonalyn Fincher. I also recently recorded the piano piece I wrote for my Dad, and expect to upload it to YouTube in the not-so-distant future. Please continue praying for my extended family, as my Mom and siblings continue to be devastated by our loss.

On a lighter note, Noah is in baseball for the first time. We intentionally put him in a county league instead of something more serious like Little Leagues to make sure he still wants to do

it after the first season. So our family spends a few evenings at the park every week watching him play and goofing off with William and Eli.

My Mom came up to Charlotte to take care of our kids while Hannah and I spent a few days in Greenville for my birthday. That was AMAZING.

Mom also got us doing Lego projects together as a family, something that she and my siblings in Atlanta have been doing a lot lately. We've had a great time just hanging out and working on the same projects together.

Warmly,

~ Josh

