

Politics and Volunteers

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

One November I received a call from a woman named Joann whose heart was stirred after hearing a Focus on the Family broadcast on the partial-birth legislation. The Lord had given her a burden for the woman who had been through this procedure and she wanted to help them. I asked her if she had ever experience an abortion. She responded, “No. Does that disqualify me?” I assured her that it didn’t matter – the Lord’s calling was the only qualification needed and that the pro-life movement could certainly use her compassionate heart.

Over several months I spoke with Joann often and our friendship grew. At times she felt unqualified to serve and I learned that her family had personally experienced severe spiritual warfare. This “credential” of knowing how to combat Satan is sometimes more important than any other when it comes to pro-life work. I told her about her local pregnancy care center and encouraged her to call and “check them out.”

The beginning of that April brought the news that President Clinton had vetoed the partial-birth abortion ban. That same week, Joann called to say that not only had she checked out the center, she was the new executive director! My heart soared with this encouragement, knowing it had been this legislation that had led her to become more involved.

A few months later I was able to meet her while speaking at a conference and welcomed her to the pregnancy care ministry. I’m confident that there are many volunteers who are assisting you now because of various legislative issues. God’s power to turn Clinton’s veto into a blessing is fascinating and wonderful, and I am once again assured that I can trust Him in all situations.