



Safeguarding Training - Part 1

Facing the Reality of  
Abuse in the Church

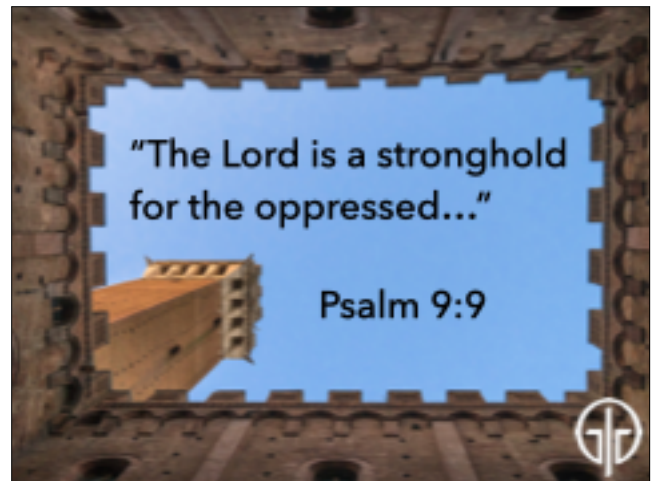
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"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Mark 9:37



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"If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

Matthew 18:6



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And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes...who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

Mark 12:38-40



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#### God Speaks Against Violence

- Psalm 11:5 The Lord hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.
- Psalm 73:6 For the wicked pride is their necklace; violence are the clothes they wear.
- Prov. 3:31 God says "Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways"
- Prov. 24:2 The hearts of the wicked devise violence



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## Jesus and Power



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## Jesus and Abuse

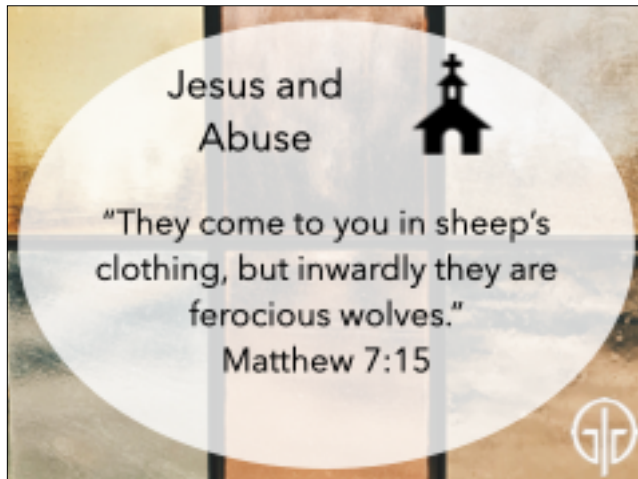


"Behold I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

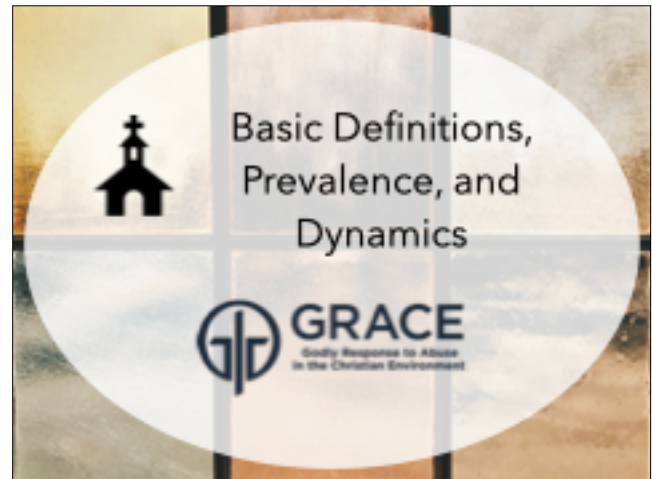
Matthew 10:16



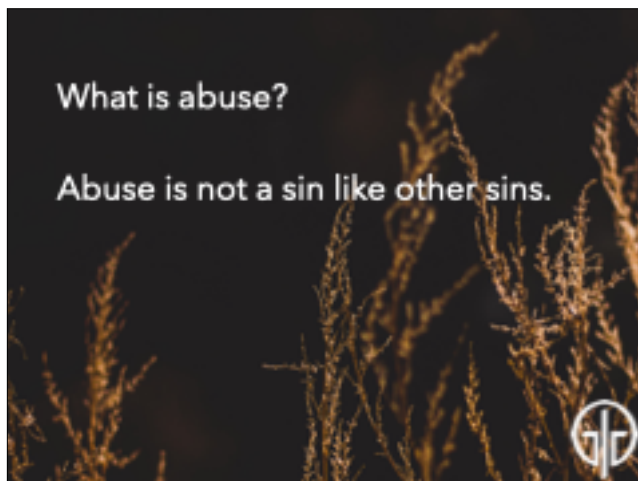
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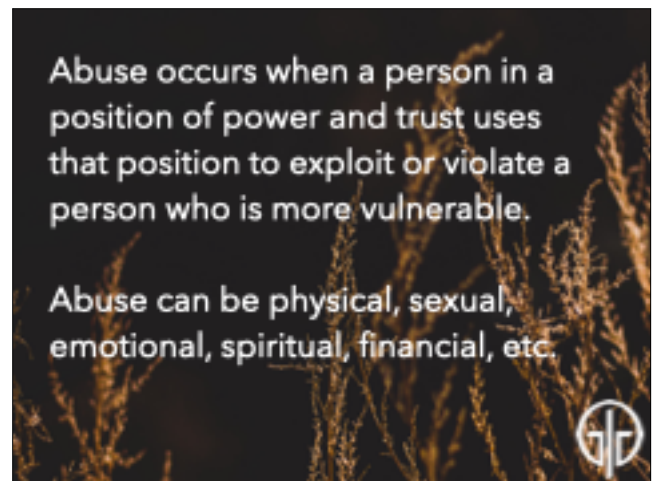
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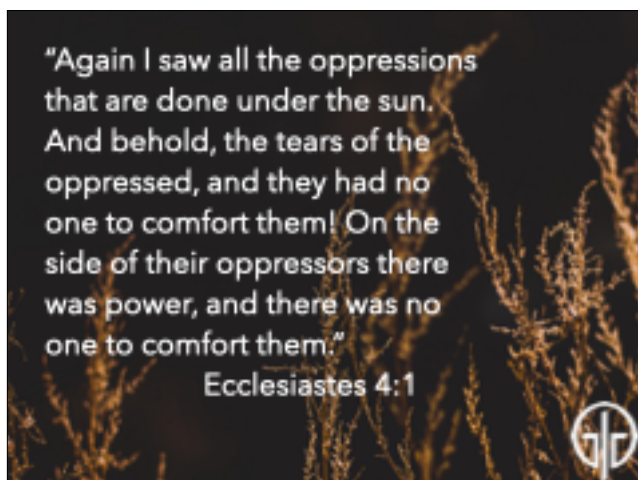
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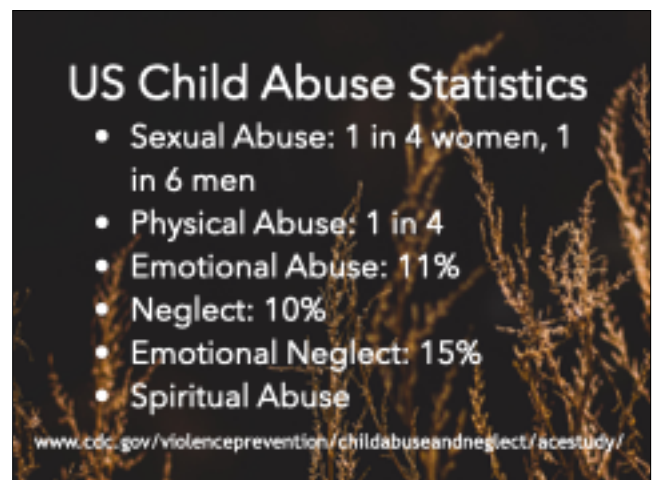
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## US Abuse Statistics

- Intimate Partner Violence: 1 in 3 women (American Medical Association)
- Clergy Sexual Abuse: over 10% (*Sexual Abuse by Clergy: A Crisis for the Church* by Marie M. Fortune and James N. Poling)



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Offenders maintaining significant involvement with religious institutions "had more sexual offense convictions, more victims, and younger victims."

Eshuys & Smallbone, Religious Affiliations Among Adult Sexual Offenders (2006)



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Clergy Sexual abuse is not an "affair."



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Your Role in Safeguarding:  
Overcoming Denial and Myths



**GRACE**  
Godly Response to Abuse  
in the Christian Environment

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How does prevention work?

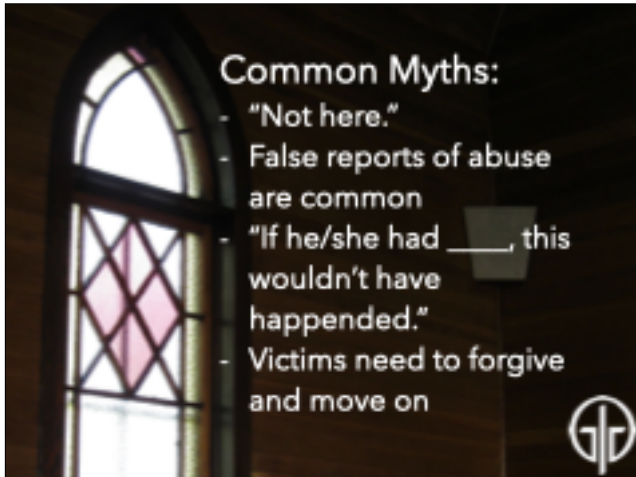


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Effective prevention and response requires coming out of denial into education as a community.




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### Common Myths:

- "Not here."
- False reports of abuse are common
- "If he/she had \_\_\_\_\_, this wouldn't have happened."
- Victims need to forgive and move on



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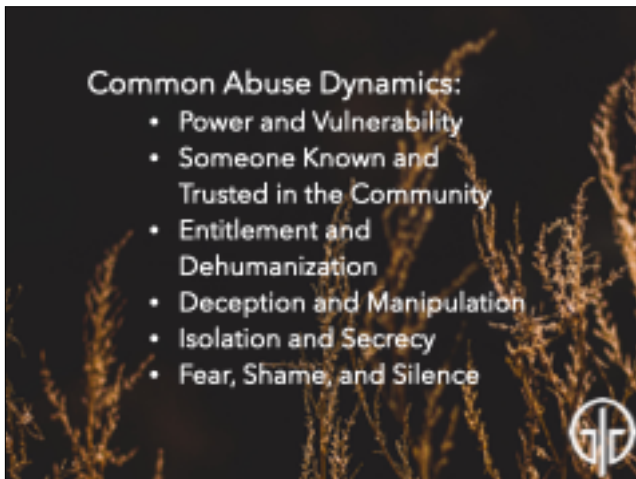


### Recognizing Common Abuse Dynamics A Story from the Bible

2 Samuel 13:1-22




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### Common Abuse Dynamics:

- Power and Vulnerability
- Someone Known and Trusted in the Community
- Entitlement and Dehumanization
- Deception and Manipulation
- Isolation and Secrecy
- Fear, Shame, and Silence



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### Over 90% of Victims Know Their Abuser

(Finkelhor, 2012 and Whealin, 2007)



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### Most Abuse Occurs in the Home

Percent abused by biological parents or non-biological parent or partner:

- 100% of neglected children
- 93% of emotionally abused children
- 91% of physically abused children
- 60% of sexually abused children

(Huot, 1999)



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### Over 80% of sexual abuse is perpetrated in one on one situations

(Finkelhor, 2012)



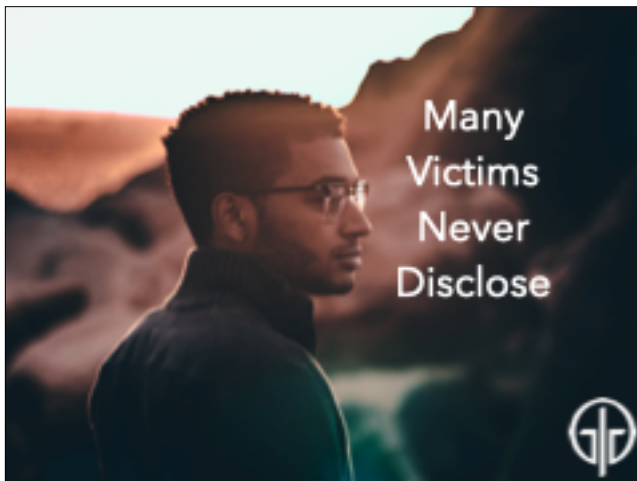
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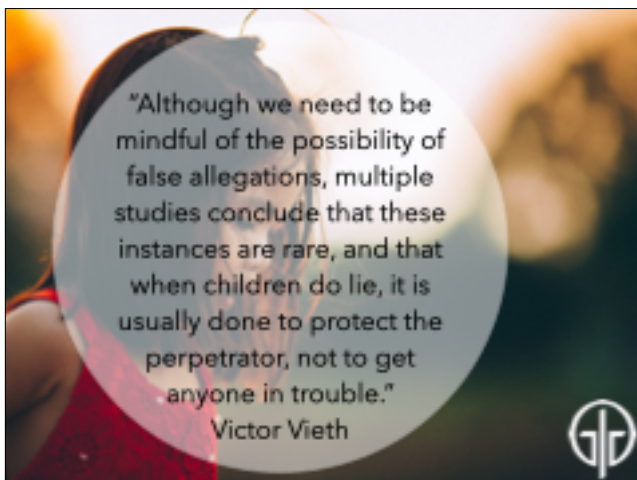
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