

Over the course of their lifetimes ...

- Although DV is perpetrated by both men and woman, 97 (%) percent of all reported adult domestic violence is perpetrated by men against their female partners.
- 4 1 in 4 women have endured severe physical abuse.
- ◆ Domestic violence victims constituted 25(%) percent of all adult victims compensated by victim compensation programs in 2009 and has continued to increase each year.
- *40-60(%) percent of children raised in a home with DV also experience some form of abuse.
- ◆1 in 4 teens age 9-14 experiences some form of abuse in their dating relationship.

Important Domestic Violence Facts:

- One third of all abused women are battered during their pregnancy with a majority of the physical abuse occurring to their breasts and abdomen.
- March of Dimes determined prenatal abuse as the leading cause of birth defects.
- Although the Bible speaks of prenatal influence, this is usually disregarded when there is a situation within a church body.
- Churches will do much to protect unborn children from abortion but little to protect unborn children from being battered.
- Of all mothers who die during pregnancy in the US each year, 27 (%) percent are murdered by their intimate partner.
- Between 50(%) percent and 70(%) percent of abusers who abuse their wife also abuse their children.

Domestic Violence is similar to other violence such as child abuse, elder abuse, or sibling violence however it has unique characteristics:

- ◆ Domestic violence distorts what is supposed to be a mutual partnership based on love & respect.
- ◆ DV is a pattern of assaultive or coercive behaviors that adults or teens use against their intimate or dating partners.
- ADV is a complex pattern of increasingly frequent and harmful physical, sexual, psychological, spiritual and other abusive behaviors used precisely to control the victim.

Domestic Violence Myths:

These statements are NOT TRUE!

- DV occurs less in Christian or religious households.
- DV abusers have anger management problems.
- & Couples experiencing DV can benefit from counseling.
- DV victims stay in their relationships due to a warped sensed of loyalty.
- Women in DV often report or tell a family/friend.
- & Abusers suffer from low self-esteem.
- & Abusers are victims of domestic violence.
- There are always warning signs of domestic violence early in the relationship.
- W Victims of DV can easily leave without any consequences whenever they want to.

Addressing: Why doesn't she leave?

- ◆ DV victims are often frightened, broken, not believed, isolated by their partners over time, suffer severe financial barriers & a very real threat to their personal safety and of their children should they leave.
- ◆ Domestic violence victims face a mortality risk of 80(%) percent when they do finally decide to leave.
- Schristian women face additional spiritual barriers and shame because bible verses are taken out of context.
- ◆ Women struggle with cultural & religious pressure to keep their families intact despite what they are silently suffering.
- ◆ Tactics used by abuser have made it extremely difficult for a victim to get out.
- ◆ Most victims attempt to leave up to 8 times before succeeding.
- Leaving and up to 8 years after leaving is the most dangerous time.
- ◆ Victim is expert in survival her or his decision about what to do deserves respect.

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- Has the best sense of whether her batterer will carry through on his threats. These include harming/kidnapping her children, pursuing custody, discrediting her professionally, assaulting, killing her and much more.
- Anyone wishing to help must support & respect the choices she makes, seeking to empower her when all her partner has done is control her decisions.
- Needs your help planning for future safety & in accessing resources.
- ◆ Most importantly, she needs your confidentiality

In a Non-Emergent Situation:

The primary reasons a victim shares her story with you is:

- ❖ To seek your services.
- **S** Gather information and resources.
- Solution Decide whether she will be believed (Most of the time when a victim finally breaks her silence, her experiences are minimized putting her at further risk of mortality & shame).
- ❖ To seek emotional support & validation.

A Domestic Violence Survivor Speaks:

You can not emerge a whole human being when you escape someone who constantly beats & berates you physically, emotionally & spiritually....until that searing of the soul has been attended too....There is something that happens to your psyche...The wholeness of the individual must be looked at...They must begin to understand what has happened to them and why...Why the person they were most committed too and the safe refuge they called home became the sole source of fear & intimidation...That type of betrayal does not heal easily nor is easily understood...That type of betrayal would have never begun to heal outside of the touch from a Divine Savior and the counselor & support that gently walked the path of recovery with me.....Anonymous

Five Major Types of Abuse

There are many different forms of abuse and most domestic violence is a combination of several types and tactics...these are only main categories:

- S Physical Abuse
- Sexual Violence & Abuse
- S Psychological Abuse
- S Economic Abuse
- Spiritual Abuse

Physical Abuse

There are many forms of physical abuse. These are only a few examples:

- Scratches, bites, grabs, spits at her.
- Shakes, shoves, pushes, restrains, or throws her.
- *← Twists, slaps, punches, burns the victim.*
- Throws items at her or her children or breaks items near her.
- Subjects her to reckless activities such as being a passenger while driving recklessly.
- Abuses her at night disrupting sleeping patterns causing sleep deprivation or at meal time causing malnutrition.
- ◆ Deprives victim of food as punishment for certain behavior or lack of.
- A Refuses or withholds medical treatment or medication when she is ill or pregnant.
- ◆ Locks her in or out of the house or physically isolates her.

Sexual Violence & Abuse

There are many types of sexual abuse and violent sexual behaviors. These are just a few:

- ← Is extremely jealous or angry and accuses/ thinks she will have sex with anyone.
- *←* Withholds sex and affection as a form of punishment.
- Pressures, manipulates or threatens her to have sex.
- S Calls her sexual names.
- ← Insist she dress in a promiscuous way or accuses her of this.
- Physically forces her or is violent sexually.
- ◆ Denies contraception or protection from sexually transmitted diseases.
- Verbally degrades her during sex or tells her she is inadequate.

Psychological Abuse

This type of abuse is often minimized but can utterly destroy a victims autonomy & self esteem.

- Sreaks promises, doesn't follow through on agreements, or doesn't carry through on important responsibilities.
- *❖* Verbally attacks and humiliates in public or in private.
- ◆ Attacks her vulnerabilities, such as her educational level, her language abilities, her parenting, cooking or housekeeping skills.
- Plays mind games and undermines her sense of reality causing.
- *❖* Regularly threatens to leave her or tells her to leave.
- ← Harasses her about imaginary affairs.
- Ignores her feelings or discredits them (ie: Get's angry or disappointed when she cries.)
- & Always claims to be right.
- ◆ Has affairs after promising to be monogamous.

Financial Abuse

There are many ways an abuser can use finances to control his victim. Here are but a few examples:

- Sabotages any attempt to become financially independent. .
- *❖* Doesn't pay bills or child support.
- **Solution** Controls all the money.
- ◆ Sabotages raises, professional calls, doesn't give messages.
- *❖* Refuses to work and expects her to support him.
- Running up partners credit cards, refusing to allow her to have any of her own money or accounts.
- Making all of the financial decisions.
- Makes her feel if she is a housewife or homemaker that she doesn't deserve equal decision making when it comes to financial matters.
- ← Hides bills and other vital financial information.
- ◆ Uses money as a means to control her behavior (ie: Gives her access to money when she is good and withholds finances when he gets angry.)

Spiritual Abuse

There are many techniques and ways an abuser can torture a victim spiritually. These are just a few examples:

- **⋄** Takes scripture verses out of context to support his oppressive demands.
- *←* Twists Scripture to coerce their partner into subordination.
- Reinforces biblical submission of the wife to the husband disregarding verses or parts of verses that refer to mutual respect and submission.
- ◆ Shames spouses making general statements degrading their partners spirituality or inability to understand it.
- Telling women they must stay in the marriage for the sake of the children, the sanctity of the family unit, and also to help "save" an abuser and make him "holy".
- **⋄** Uses Biblical discipline principles out of context to isolate victim from her church body.

Cycle of Violence



Consequences of DV on Children

There are endless consequences that domestic violence can have on children well into their adult years. Here are just a few examples. If your child's behavior concerns you in any way, their best chance of recovery is for you to seek immediate treatment. We have domestic violence counselors specifically trained to help children heal and enable them to develop a relationship with their Savior.

- Shame, guilt and self blame.
- ◆ Develops a sense of over responsibility such as feeling as though they are the caretaker of the parent.
- Confusion and conflicting feelings toward parents.
- ← Fear of abandonment or expressing emotions.
- ← Anger, Embarrassment, and Depression
- ◆ Overwhelming feelings of helplessness and powerlessness.
- Acting out or withdrawing.
- ← Aggressive or passive behavior
- Refusing to go to school or bullying behavior.
- *←* Shame, guilt and self blame.

A Child's Expression of Domestic Violence



What Domestic Violence is NOT:

- ◆ DV is not the result of a victims failure to be a good mother, good housewife, good girlfriend, good sex partner or person.
- ◆ Domestic Violence also is not a result of a woman being a good Christian. It is not a communication problem or a marital conflict.
- Os Domestic violence is a not an anger problem. Actually studies have shows that anger management frequently failed to end domestic violence whether verbal, physical, emotional, financial, or spiritual.
- ◆ Domestic Violence is not due to an "abusers" stress.
- Somestic Violence is not caused by alcohol or drugs though often these may either reduce inhibitions to abuse or provide excuses for the abuse.
- ◆ Violence is not caused by a victim's behavior.

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Common Reactions of Clergy to DV Complaints

(90 (%)percent of DV victims will first turn to their clergy for help despite whether they are regular church members or have even attended in years.)

- *❖* The abuse is due to your lack of submissiveness.
- So Your reward will be in the next life.
- This is your cross to bear. Submit to your husband and let your example lead him to Christ.
- **God hates divorce.**
- Grace to love your husband and heal your marriage. If God isn't answering your prayers, perhaps there is hidden sin in your life.
- Sour husband is one of the finest Christians leaders in our church. I can't imagine that he would act that way.

Christian DV Victims/Clergy, Spiritual Leaders, and Christian Laity

I feel I need to make some important points here with regard to the vast number of victims that have been "re-victimized" when going to their Christian Leadership or Clergy for help. Let me add, that these points can and do apply to most religious leaders regardless of denominations.

The majority of spiritual leaders have NOT undergone appropriate training in domestic violence prevention and intervention strategies; therefor are at great risk to fall prey to lies told perpetrators. I believe they are well intentioned; but, due to their lack of domestic violence awareness training, they frequently believe falsehoods disguised and presented as truth. Some of the most popular include:

- There are no abused women in my congregation. I would know about it and there are certainly no men perpetrators that any real spirit filled Christian couldn't discern.
- Victims of domestic violence need only to have faith, prayer, and persevere until God frees them from the domestic violence.

DV Victims & Spiritual Leaders continued:

- Domestic Violence occurs only in certain cultural, racial, and socioeconomic groups, and usually in urban areas.
- Wictims can stop the battering by changing their behavior.
- The primary goal of advocates and other domestic violence community services and counseling is to change all women, discredit spiritual principles and the Word of God, encourage divorce, and ruin the reputation of men.
- Onestic Violence is extremely exaggerated and promoted by radical feminists to secure billions of dollars.

As an ordained clergy and domestic violence survivor who now is committed to ministering to individuals, families, and bringing awareness training to churches, I can say without a doubt, victim/survivors need a multiplicity of services. Their needs are many such as social support, legal and financial help, and most importantly the support of their congregation. This is best achieved with a team of individuals dedicated to working together and keeping the safety for those being violated and accountability to the perpetrator top priority.

Spiritual Leaders and Abuse:

- Many victims/women have been told to endure the abuse in the name of Christ.
- * Other pastors ask abused women not to go to secular agencies for help when violence threatens their home and safety.
- * Others have been told that their congregation will no longer support them if they share with anyone outside of their religious community.
- * Clergy often don't trust the advice of social workers or others trained in a discipline other than the Bible. They think secular workers will do more harm than good.
- ❖ Victims of violence experience a multitude of questions and dilemmas both spiritual and practical. We must find a way to bridge the mistrust where faith based congregations and secular resources important to the healing and safety of the victim and family can work together

DV Victims & Spiritual Leaders continued...

Similar myths such as those just mentioned are also associated with domestic violence awareness training events, workshops and awareness. Many ministers have readily disclosed that although they have never attended even one 8 hour awareness and prevention training that they have predetermined biased thoughts such as:

- 1. Woman are encouraged to be distrustful of all men and to file for divorce;
- 2. All men are viewed as perpetrators;
- 3. God, Jesus, and the Bible along with religious teachings are viewed as evil.

Why Partnerships are Crucial to DV Victims

Because perpetrators are often cunning and spiritual leaders themselves, becoming knowledgeable of this growing social epidemic in our society and churches is a must. When clergy and spiritual leaders have received appropriate training in DV awareness, they are more likely able to address effectively the spiritual concerns confronting victims and abusers.

Especially as Christians, we must all take family violence seriously and most importantly, believe and listen with compassion to any victim who has chosen to confide in us. If you or the leadership in your church is not equipped, please contact us to discuss a vast variety of options available to you. Christian Mental Health & Family Hope Ministries has many faith based resources along with material, training and/or workshops & programs that will minister and give many frightened and isolated victims the assurance that they need not suffer silently anymore.

If we are truly to be Christ like, then our churches are called to be a refuge for those hurting within our congregation and the community. What a wonderful opportunity to show the love of Christ in action. No one should fear the very place they should have the most safety: their home.

If you are a victim and don't feel safe or comfortable reaching out to your spiritual leaders, please call and talk to one of our Christian Domestic Violence Professionals. There are limited resources on this web site. Contact us immediately especially for other faith-based resources.

What is Battered Women's Syndrome

There are four general characteristics of that women who are suffering from The Battered Woman Syndrome typically display. These are distinctly different than PTSD although victims can often suffer from PTSD depending on the duration and severity of the abuse.

- ◆ The woman believes that the violence was or is her fault.
- The woman has an inability to place responsibility for the violence elsewhere.
- ◆ The woman fears for her life and/or her children's lives.
- The woman has an irrational belief that the abuser is omnipresent and omniscient.

What Options Do Victims Have?

Our specialty DV counselors and professional coaches will compassionately walk by your side as you begin your journey of recovery. Most have recovered themselves and walked your path. No one will ever make decisions for you or push you to do something you are not ready to do; however, it is empowering to have both professional & compassionate support regardless of your decision to leave or stay.

- Staying vs. Leaving
 - Give victims support and validation.
 - Never force a victim to leave it can be very dangerous.
- Safety planning
 - Victims should talk with trained hotline specialists or advocates to plan how to keep themselves and loved ones safe.
- ❖ Speak with a counselor or social worker
 - Note: Couple's therapy is never appropriate in situations of domestic violence.
- Seek advocate's help to establish self-sufficiency.
- *←* Get legal advice and representation.

"How Can I Help? Ways that you can help a

domestic violence victim if they come to you or if you acquire knowledge of a battered victim and/or her children

- Be prepared to listen without interrupting, passing judgment or forcing solutions on her.
- ◆ Be patient and value her confidentiality and anonymity above all things.
- Become familiar with local, national resources and hotlines.
- ◆ Gather a list of resources and phone numbers that you can "SUGGEST" or link her with.
- Make sure she knows that regardless of her decisions that you will not rush her and that you WILL support & respect whatever she decides.
- Suggest going with her or being with her when she is ready to reach out to any resources.
- Remember at all times that she has most likely lost autonomy and has had every area of life controlled by her abuser. If she is going to take any action or listen to any suggestions, you must empower her so that she knows the ultimate decision is hers to make.
- Solfer to watch her children so she can join a support group or initially just have some time to herself.

How Can I Help continued...

- Even if your friend, family member, coworker, etc. is not ready to leave; encourage her to make a safety plan. Contact us for a copy of a comprehensive safety plan, or give her the gift of a couple of sessions so that one of our DV counselors or specialty care team can help her make a safety plan and assess her situation professionally and individually.
- Schedule a free consultation for yourself or contact us through any of the mediums located in our "CONTACT" information page so that you can learn more ways to be there for her. We can also supply you with more resources for your area.
- There are many variable to consider before advising a victim to "just leave". Educate yourself on domestic violence. Knowledge is power and the more equipped you are in understanding her situation, the more likely she will trust you to share her story.
- Above all else, validate and believe her. Do not betray her confidentiality. It could cost her life or that of her children. Especially if you know her abuser and can't possibly imagine him acting in the ways she describes. This doesn't mean she is lying. Abusers have mastered the art of being likeable, great neighbors, church leaders, volunteers, and other people skills that minimize the likelihood that anyone would believe their victim. This is why she has been so isolated.

Scriptures Depicting Abuse

- VS Ps. 55 The whole psalm describes betrayal.

 VV 12-13: For it is not an enemy who taunts me then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me then I could hide from him. But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.
- Ps. 120: 6-7 Too long have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace. I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war!
- **©** Prov. 10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- **Ps.** 86:14 O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.
- Is. 57:20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt.

Scriptures Continued....

- Acts 22:4 I persecuted this Way (Christianity) to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women,
 Also Acts 8:3; 9:1-2; 26:9-11
- Acts 13:50 But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.
- CS Prov. 12:18a There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,
- S Prov. 16:27 A worthless man plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire.
- Who love it will eat its fruits.

Scriptures Continued:

15. 59:3-8 For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness. No one enters suit justly; no one goes to law honestly; they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies, they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity. They hatch adders' eggs; they weave the spider's web; he who eats their eggs dies, and from one that is crushed a viper is hatched. Their webs will not serve as clothing; men will not cover themselves with what they make. Their works are works of iniquity, and deeds of violence are in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they are swift to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their highways. The way of peace they do not know; and there is no justice in their paths; they have made their roads crooked; no one who treads on them knows peace.

Scriptures Continued:

- CS Ps. 35:7 For without cause they hid their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life.
- Ps. 119:78 Let the insolent be put to shame, because they have wronged me with falsehood; as for me, I will meditate on your precepts.
- Ps. 144:7b-8 Rescue me and deliver me from the many waters, from the hand of foreigners, whose mouths speak lies and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- of his wife Abigail. The woman was discerning and beautiful, but the man was harsh and badly behaved; he was a Calebite.

Zodhiates' Lexical aids says that the Hebrew word translated 'badly' ('badly behaved') means bad, inferior quality, wicked, evil, mischievous, severe, malignant, noxious, injurious, hurtful, unpleasant, hideous, fierce, wild, deadliness. Inability to come up to good standards which will benefit. It is unethical, immoral activity against other people. This depicts a very negative attitude towards God or man.

Scriptures Continued...

- CS Ps. 120:2 Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue.
- Mk. 7:6 And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; Also Ps. 62:4
- one of you will betray me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ... Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?"

Judas was acting all innocent, as anyone in denial does.

Mt. 27:24 So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Pilate denied his responsibility for Jesus' death.

Scriptures Depicting "Undermining":

Lk. 4:22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

The people of Nazareth undermined Jesus by pointing to his undistinguished upbringing.

- Lk. 16:13b-14 ... You cannot serve God and money. The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. The perpetrators' motive for throwing accusations and blame is to divert the focus off their own moral faults.
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Scriptures Depicting "Undermining" continued:

the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

The women's testimony was discounted.

Lk. 8:52-53 And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

Their laughter was discounting and undermining. Note how Jesus put out the verbal abusers before he got down to the business of healing.

2 Sam. 13:20 And her brother Absalom said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? Now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother; do not take this to heart."

Absalom discounted the importance of Tamar's rape by saying 'It was only your brother!'



Scriptures and Domestic Abuse

There are endless verses depicting abuse. Contact us for more scripture references and types of abuse.

Readers must be careful to not take verses out of context and certainly never use God's Word as a weapon.

In Conclusion:

- There is countless information on domestic violence. We can hardly do justice to this subject, a victim, educate a friend or neighbor, or provide comprehensive resources. Please take this PowerPoint as just an introduction on the subject.
- Christian Mental Health & Family Hope Ministries offers a free 30 minute consultation to anyone who puts in a request. If you or someone you know is suffering with domestic violence, has a teen you suspect has encountered dating violence, or have any additional questions, we hope you will take us up on our offer. If your school, agency, office, or church would like information on ways to assist DV victims, don't hesitate to consult with one of our professionals.
- You may also contact us through any medium listed on our CONTACT page.
- We hope this presentation has blessed you and given you some basic information on this destructive social epidemic.

In Conclusion Continued...

Was like to face betrayal unto death by one of his very own. He stands, having overcome all evil, waiting to comfort and embrace you. Our loving Savior requires no appointments and is never too busy to hear, comfort you, and provide wisdom. For more information on knowing Jesus as your personal Savior, be sure to read "KNOWING JESUS".

Continue to Resources

Resources Available for Victims of Domestic Violence

- Sefore looking anywhere for help, if this is an emergency, call 911 immediately.
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline is confidential and advocates are waiting 24/7 to take your call. Their number is 1-800-799-7233 | 1-800-787-3224 (TTY). Their website has awesome resources and tips for not only survivors but friends, family, batterers, pets and safety plus a list of each domestic violence coalition in your state: http://www.thehotline.org/ They have a wonderful blog also.
- The resources are too numerous for us to list here but at this website http://www.thehotline.org/help/resources/#tab-id-2 there is a comprehensive list of crisis hotlines and websites for your individual state. There is also a list of all the other National Web Resources and Phone Numbers plus resources that are Teen specific plus much more.
- Hotline advocates from the National Domestic Violence Hotline web site are also available for instant chat Monday through Friday 9am 7pm central time. The website again is http://www.thehotline.org/help/ and you will find a red box in the top right hand corner that says "CHAT". During the hours listed, click that box and someone will be with you shortly.
- Solution Please contact us through any medium listed in the "Contact" information section and we highly recommend scheduling a free 30 minute consultation.

Resources:

- Again, we recommend scheduling a free consultation with one of our competent staff members. Whether you are the victim, your friend or family member is; we can provide further direction, safety planning, and resources more specific for your situation and location. You can contact us through any of the mediums listed in our contact information or by filling out a "Free Consultation Request" form. Don't forget to leave all the information asked and a safe number for us to call you back on. If you prefer and it is safer for you, leave a friends phone number, date and time where you can be safely reached.
- **⋄**Your safety is our first concern.
- ≪You may also leave detailed messages on Dr. Baldwin's Cell: 920-868-0012
- The first National Christian Crisis Hotline which will offer advocacy, crisis stabilization, referrals, and resources 24/7.

Secular & Christian Resources

Office on Violence Against Women – Justice Center

Here you can put in your state coalition office: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/statedomestic.htm

The website below lists organizations by state and if you click on the website for your state it gives you the ability to find a vast variety of resources closest to your home: This is also the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233 | 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) where someone is available 24/7 to speak with you.

http://www.thehotline.org/help/resources/

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Resources

Online Resources taken from http://cryingoutforjustice.com/resources/ They truly have the most comprehensive list of Christian, Faith-Based, and general resources including books and related categories. To even attempt to compile a list when I can refer you to such an excellent website and blog would do both of us and injustice. I praise God for this website and those that put such great care in compiling scriptures and resources in every area of domestic violence.

