



FALL BACK & COMMIT

“Our Call to Connect &
Care Deeply”

Romans 12:9-12, 15
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Startling Facts to Consider

- ✓ Offenders are drawn to child-serving programs with fewer protections and barriers in place.
- ✓ 1 in 4 females and 1 in 6 males will have been sexually abused before reaching the age of 18
- ✓ 90% of victims are abused by someone they know or trust
- ✓ 2 out of 3 children don't tell about abuse until adulthood, if ever
- ✓ Less than 8% of outcries or allegations of child sexual abuse are false
- ✓ Less than 10% of child sex abusers will encounter the criminal justice system.
- ✓ In one large study, the number of victims for the average convicted male abuser: who molest girls = average of 52 victims & who molests boys = average of 150 victims

We must protect our children & students from abuse & also protect our Church's volunteers/staff. Matt 18:5-7

- ✓ We must be aware
- ✓ We must not assume
- ✓ We must be equip & educate our ministry leaders (Ministry Safe)
- ✓ We must provide safeguards through policies and guidelines that will be implemented and must be followed.

We must provide care, compassion & support for those who have experienced abuse.

What If I or someone I know have experienced abuse?

- ✓ Seek the healing touch of Jesus
- ✓ Seek out someone and tell someone
- ✓ Seek professional help
- ✓ Pursue if necessary and if possible through the justice system
- ✓ Refuse to be a victim and become a survivor
- ✓ Forgiveness is a life-long process

How can I help and show care, compassion and support for someone whose experienced abuse?

- ✓ Listen to them
- ✓ Be there for them - help them walk the journey
- ✓ Encourage them regularly and remind them of God's great love and care
- ✓ Pray with them and for them for God's healing

For Parents & Grandparents

- ✓ Be aware and never assume
- ✓ Be on guard
- ✓ Be proactive in talking with your children/students about abuse

