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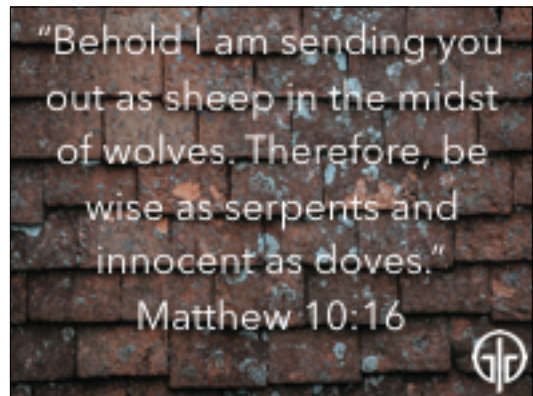
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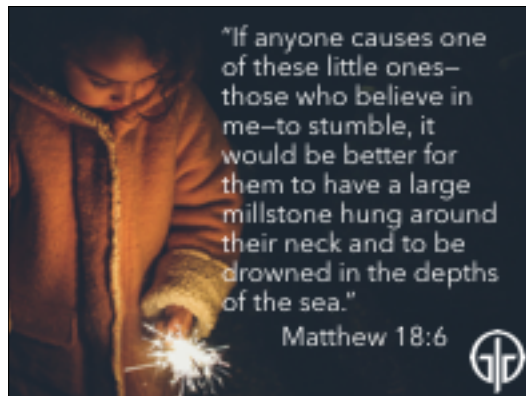
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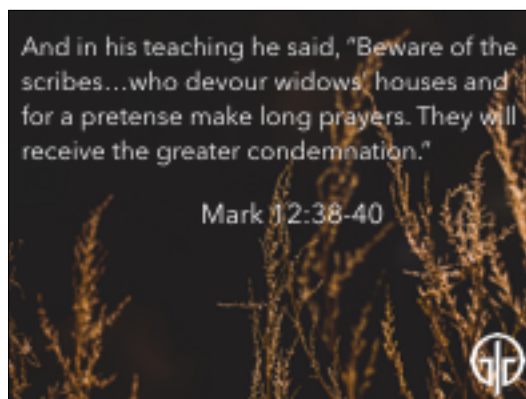
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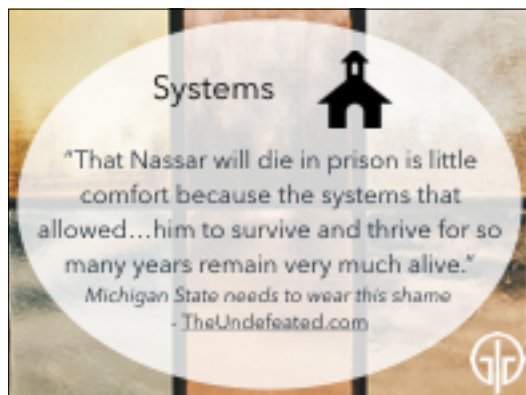
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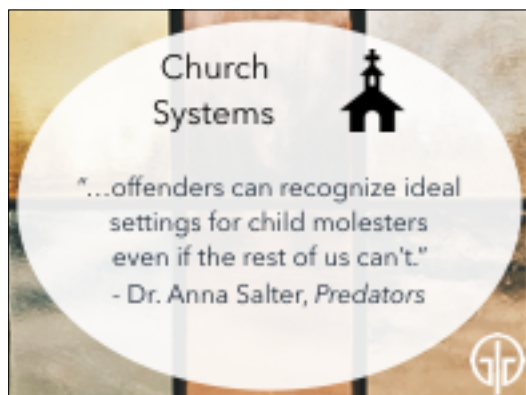
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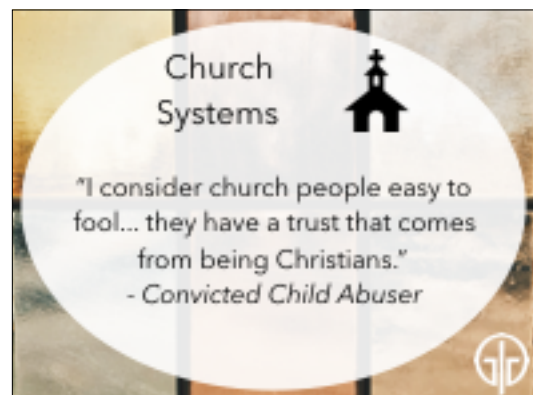
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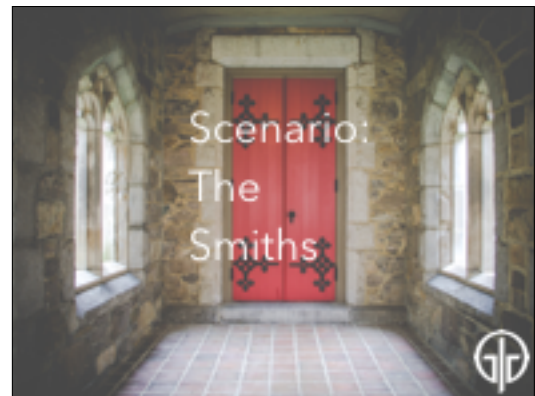
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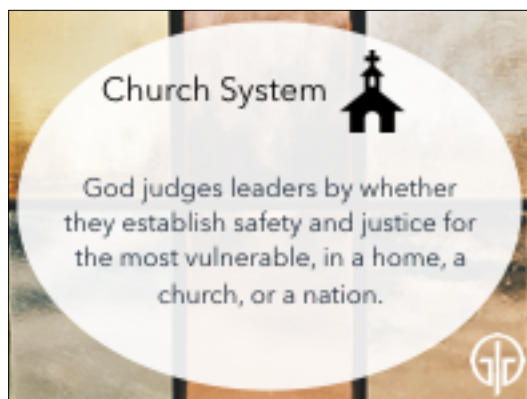
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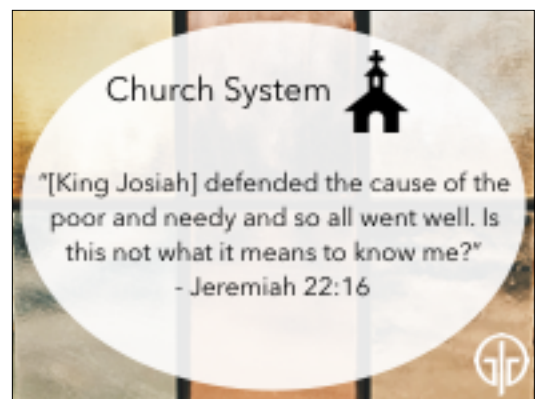
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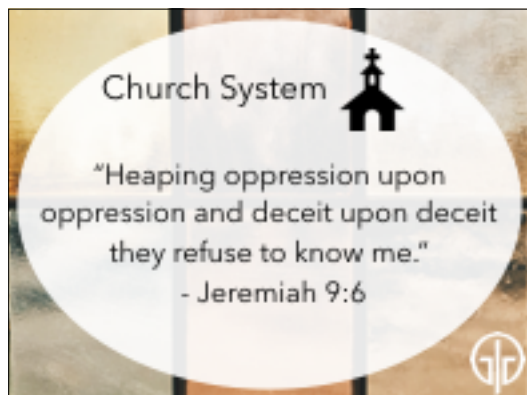
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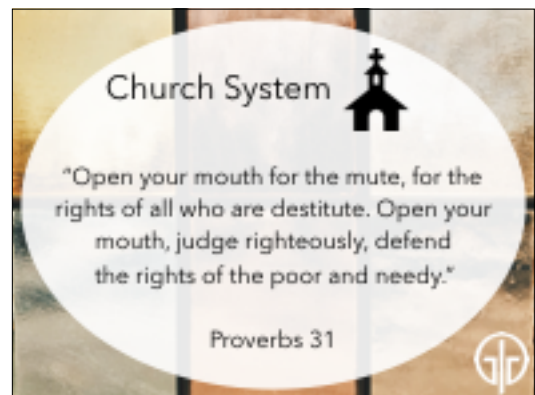
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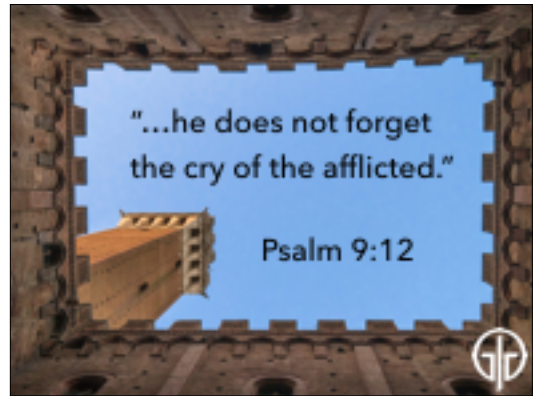
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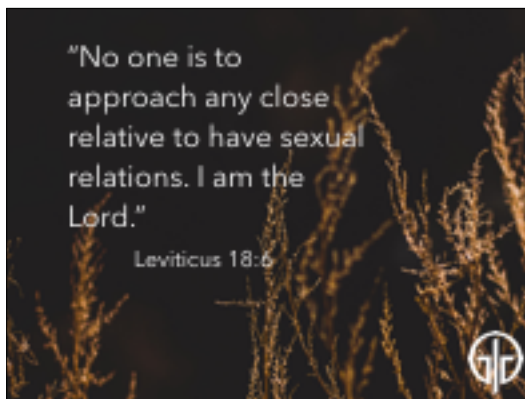
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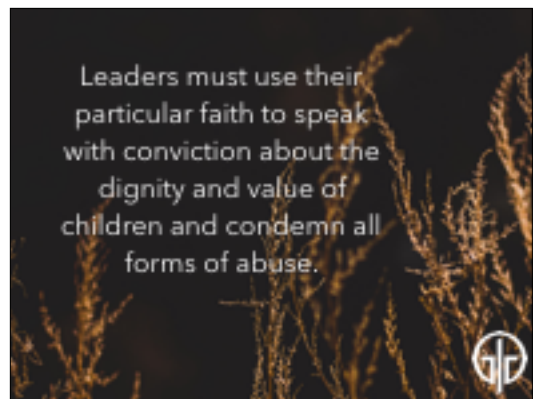
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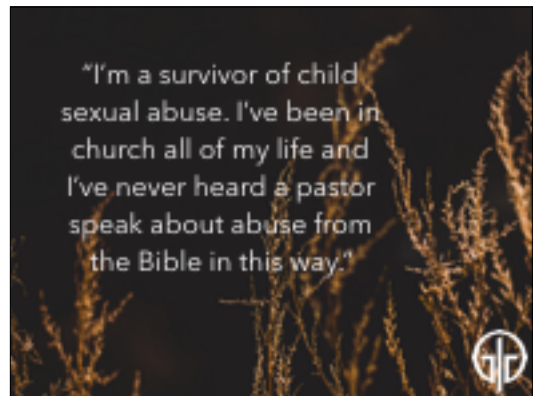
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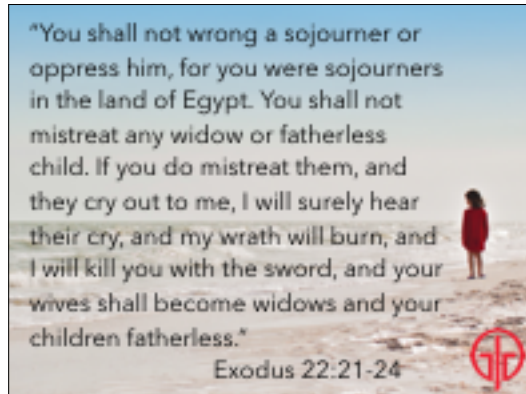
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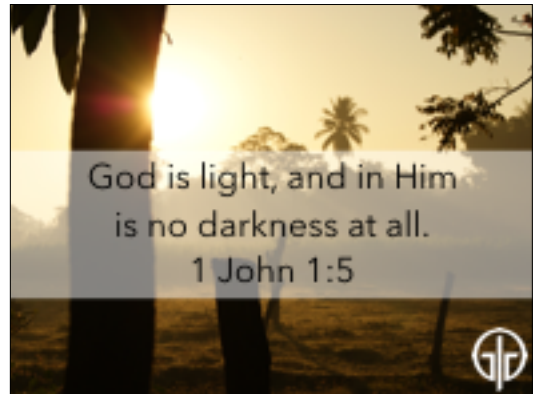
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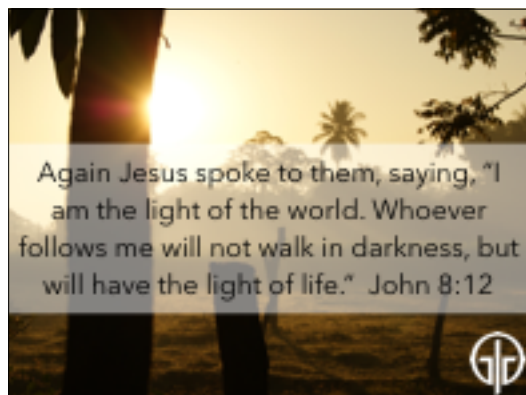
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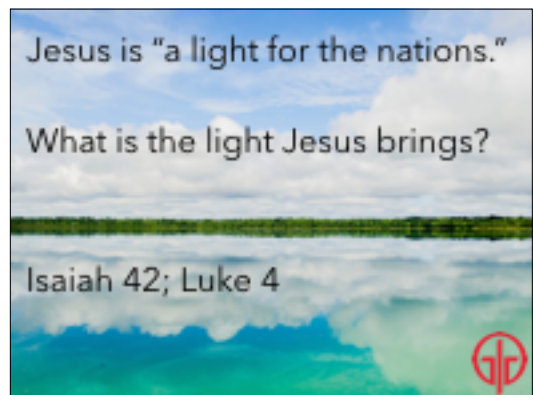
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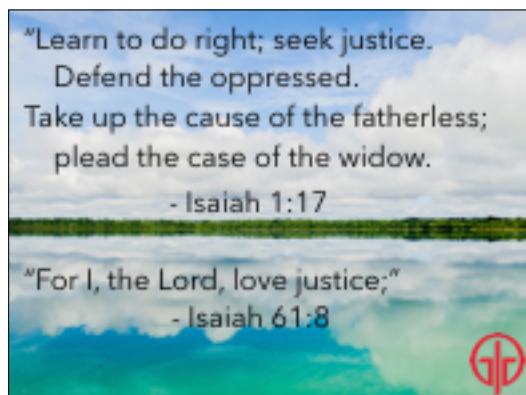
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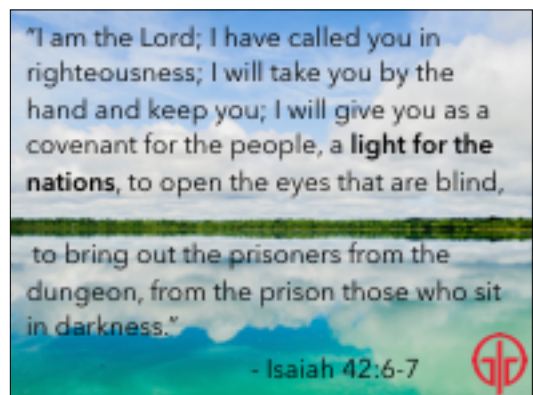
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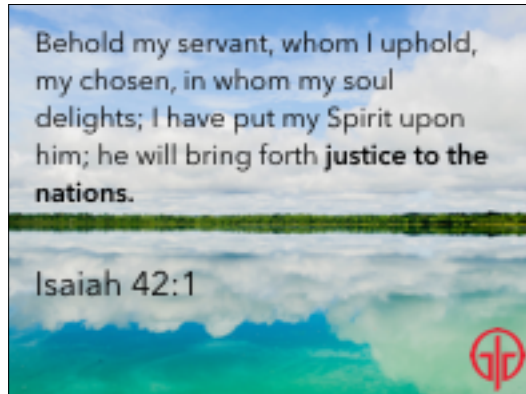
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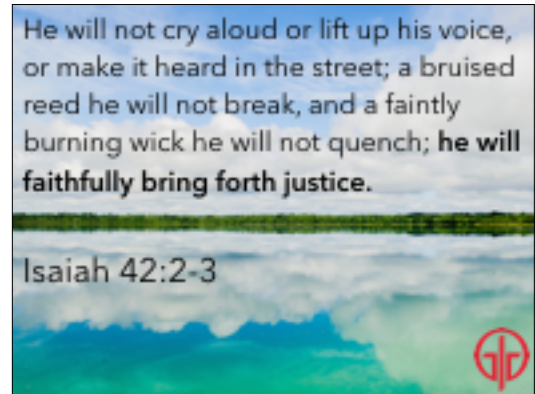
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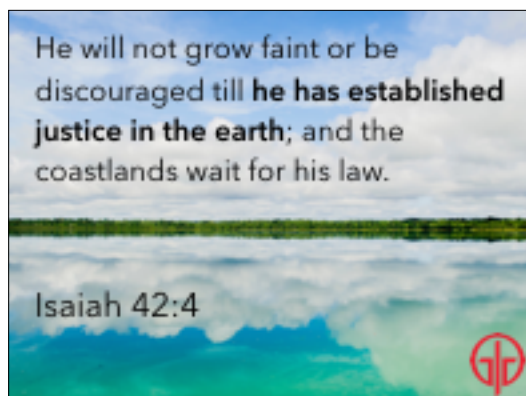
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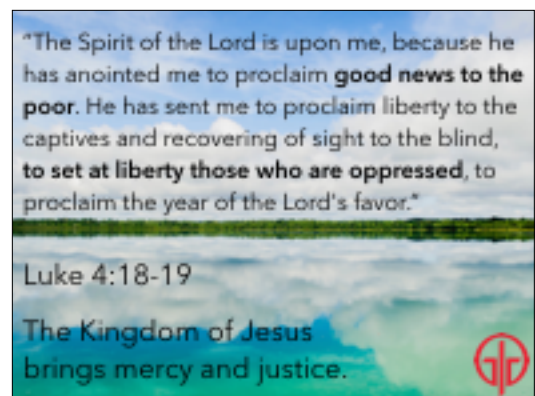
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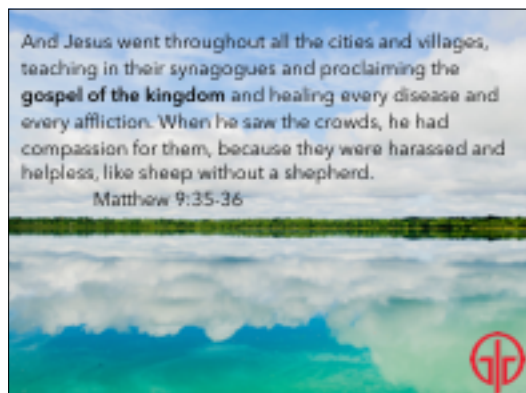
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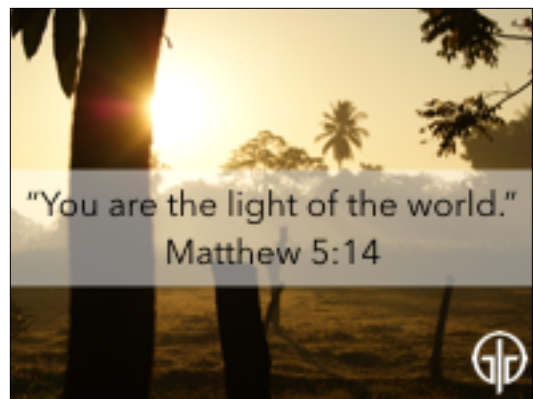
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"Thou shalt not commit murder, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not violate children..."
 - Didache 2:2 (90 AD)





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"Within a few decades, the early Christians had contrived a new word to convey their unqualified disapprobation of practices that had subsisted across centuries. A compound word, paidophthoria, 'the violation of children,' appears scattered throughout the earliest layers of Christian literature."





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"It is utterly unattested before its appearance amid the literary debris of the primitive church. The word seems to be a deliberate transfiguration of pederasty, replacing eros, erotic love, with phthoria, violation, and thereby construing all sexual contact with the young as an act of corruption."
 Kyle Harper, *From Shame to Sin*

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People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."
 Mark 10:13-14



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We must define our mission in a way that recognizes our call to protect the vulnerable.




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Church System 

Power: Church leaders must build a culture where the powerful are held accountable.



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Ecclesiastes 4:1, "Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them."



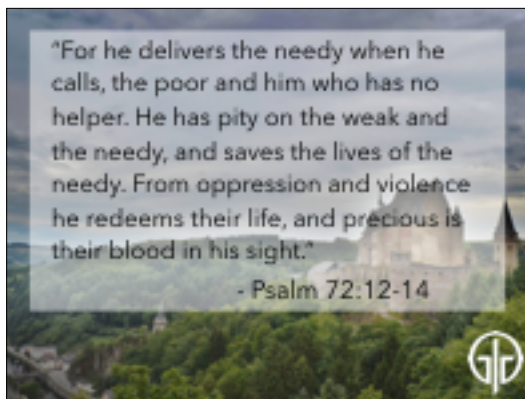
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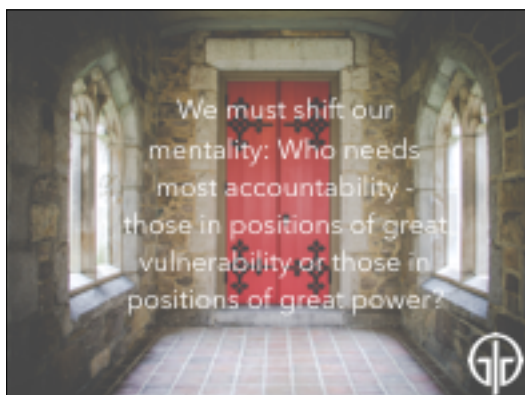
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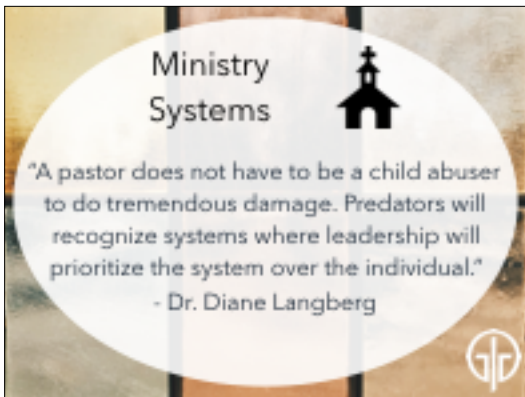
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Church System 

Denial: Church leaders must build a culture that confronts denial about abuse in the community.



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Denial
Fuels
Abuse




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"I'm so glad we don't have abuse in our denomination."
- Church Leader




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How would you respond?
"That doesn't happen in churches like ours."



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How would you respond?
"I just don't believe he is capable of doing that."




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Survivor after survivor has told us they were not believed in their faith community.




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We must stand against abuse wherever it is found, especially in our own community.



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The Polarization in our country feeds abuse.



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Common Abuse Myths

What myths have you encountered?



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Common Abuse Myths

- ❖ Abuse is rare
- ❖ Abuse doesn't happen here (my church, family).
- ❖ Abusers are usually strangers.
- ❖ Victims just want attention or money
- ❖ False reports of abuse are common.
- ❖ Victims just need to forgive and move on.



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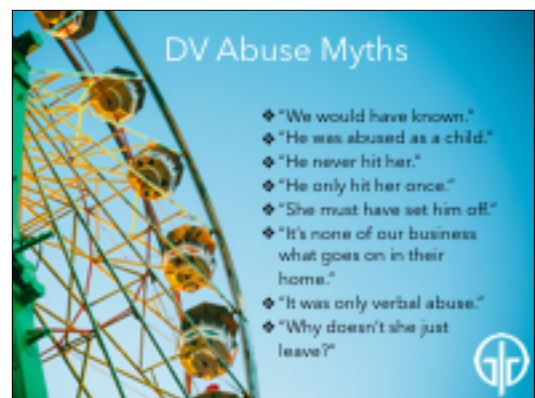


Child Abuse Myths

- ❖ Only men abuse
- ❖ Sexual abuse victims victimize others.
- ❖ "Isn't that a Catholic problem?"
- ❖ Reporting an abuser will ruin his life forever.
- ❖ We should handle accusations of abuse in the church.




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DV Abuse Myths

- ❖ "We would have known."
- ❖ "He was abused as a child."
- ❖ "He never hit her."
- ❖ "He only hit her once."
- ❖ "She must have set him off."
- ❖ "It's none of our business what goes on in their home."
- ❖ "It was only verbal abuse."
- ❖ "Why doesn't she just leave?"



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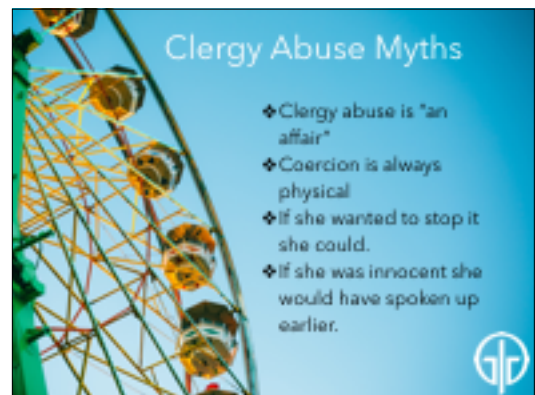


Adult Sexual Assault Myths

- ❖ Most assailants are strangers and most rape happens in isolated places.
- ❖ Assaults are always "violent" or _____ or _____.
- ❖ Rape is about sex
- ❖ Only young or "beautiful" women are raped.
- ❖ Only women get raped.
- ❖ Women often cry "rape" to get revenge or out of regret after having consensual sex.




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Clergy Abuse Myths

- ❖ Clergy abuse is "an affair"
- ❖ Coercion is always physical
- ❖ If she wanted to stop it she could.
- ❖ If she was innocent she would have spoken up earlier.



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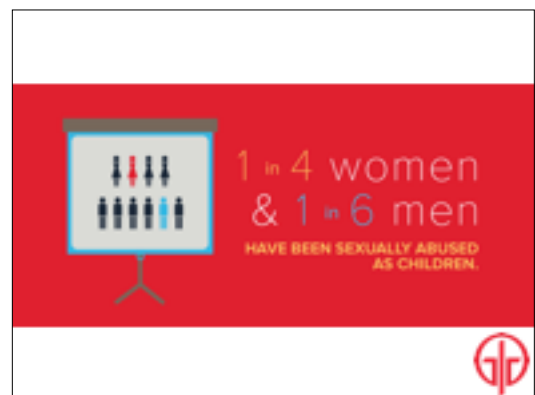


US Child Abuse Statistics


www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/acostudy/



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1 in 4 women
& 1 in 6 men
HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED AS CHILDREN.



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1 out of 4 children
ARE PHYSICALLY ABUSED



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

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



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93% of child sex offenders are "religious"

The Abel and Harlow Stop Child Molestation Study




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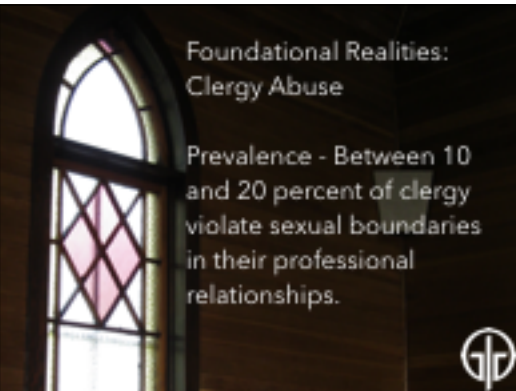


Foundational Realities: Domestic Violence

- 2-4 million women are assaulted by spouse/partners each year in the US
- The American Medical Association reports 1 of 3 women will be a victim of IPV in their lifetime
- DV contributes significantly to suicide and drug use
- 5 million children per year witness an assault on their mothers




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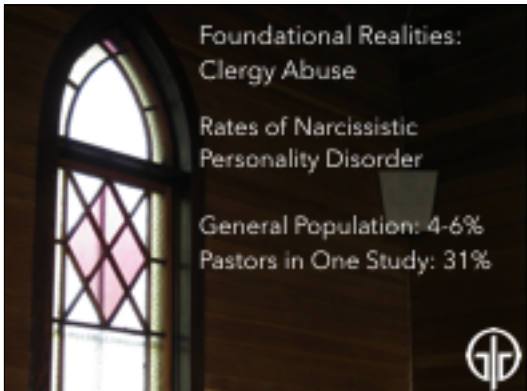


Foundational Realities: Clergy Abuse

Prevalence - Between 10 and 20 percent of clergy violate sexual boundaries in their professional relationships.




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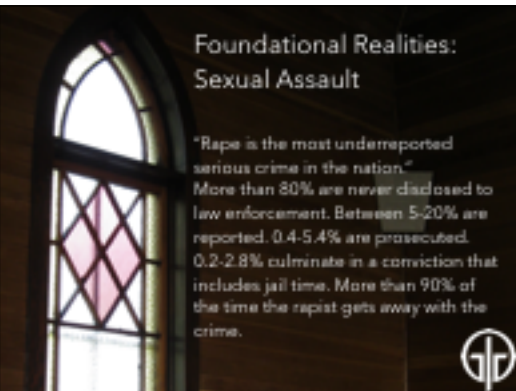
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Rates of Narcissistic Personality Disorder

General Population: 4-6%
Pastors in One Study: 31%




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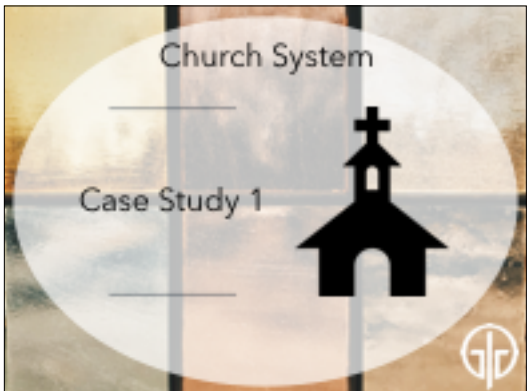


Foundational Realities: Sexual Assault

"Rape is the most underreported serious crime in the nation." More than 80% are never disclosed to law enforcement. Between 5-20% are reported. 0.4-5.4% are prosecuted. 0.2-2.8% culminate in a conviction that includes jail time. More than 90% of the time the rapist gets away with the crime.




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Church System

Case Study 1



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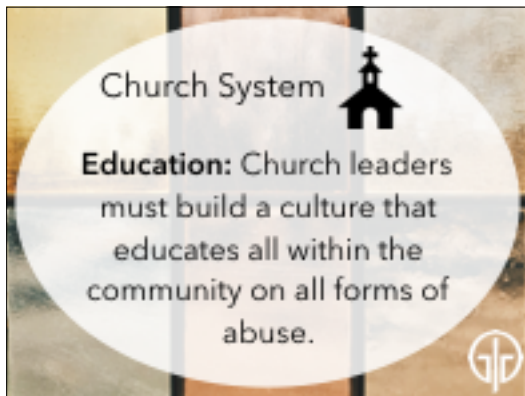
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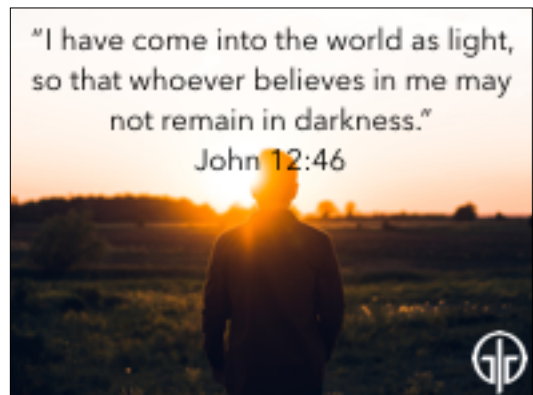
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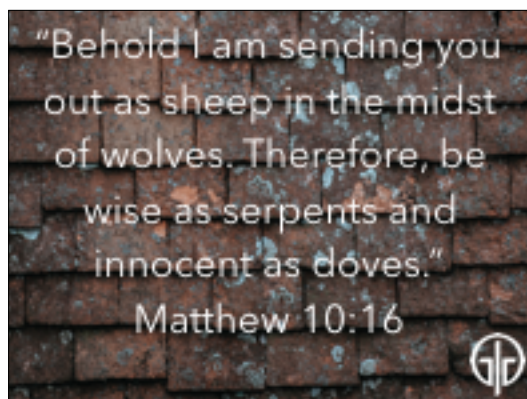
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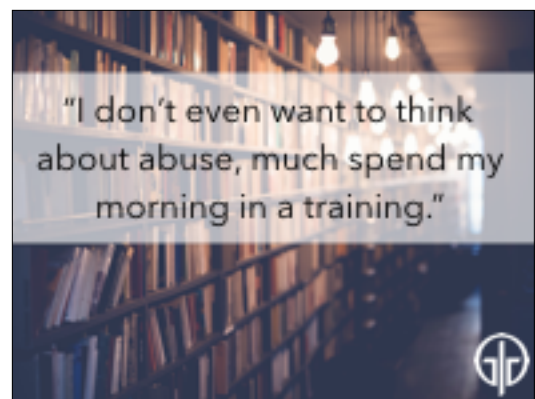
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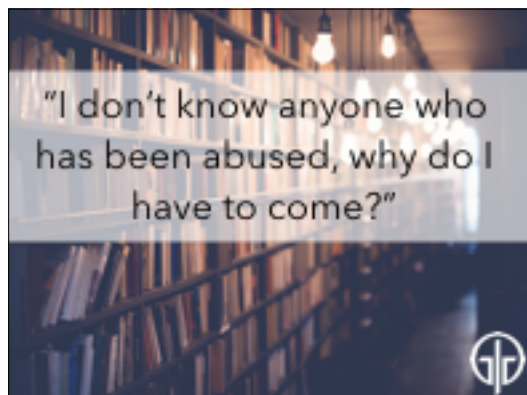
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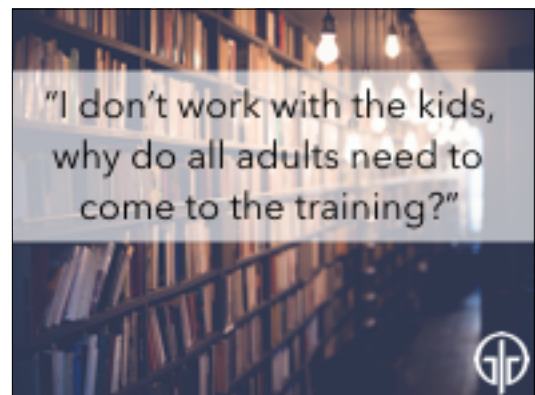
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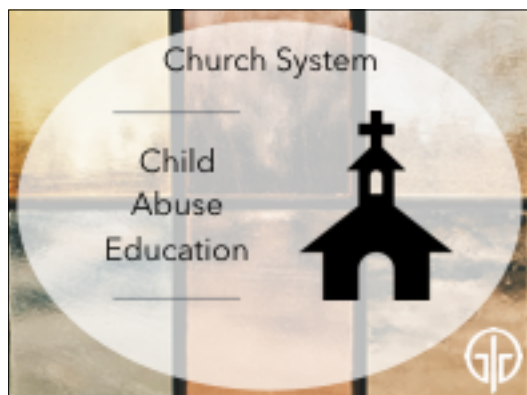
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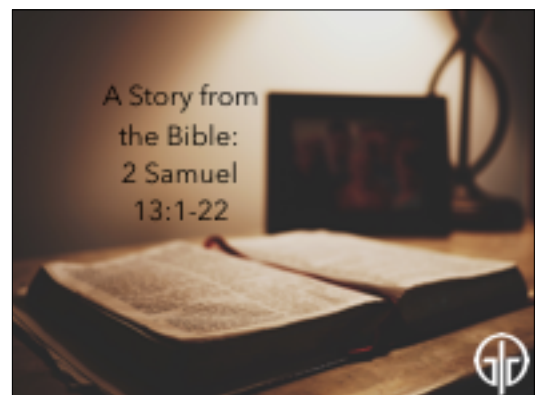
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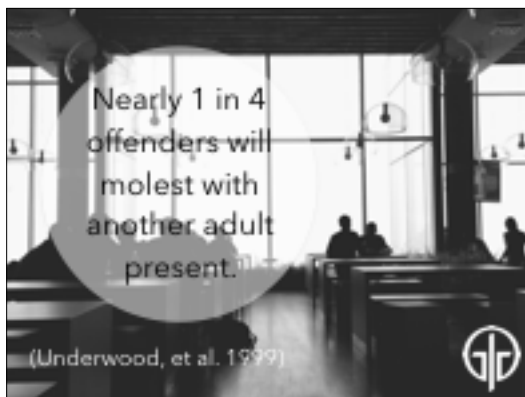
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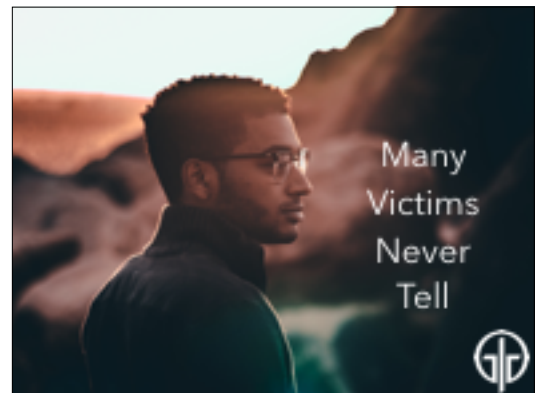
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All Adult Training:



- Educated Vigilance, not Paranoia
- Common Indicators of Abuse
- Offender Tactics - "Grooming" Behavior
- Prevention Tools for Parents
- Normal Disclosure Behavior
- Examples of when to report a concern, policy violation, or abuse.



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Church System


Adult Abuse Education: Domestic Violence

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Foundational Realities: Domestic Violence

The heart of abuse is always power, entitlement, and possession which manifest in different forms: Physical, verbal/emotional, economic, sexual, spiritual, financial, etc.



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Abuse in Relationships



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Warning Signs



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Responding to Domestic Violence


- Appropriate diagnosis - Disclosure is rarely: "Pastor, my husband is abusing me."
- Separate spouses when abuse is suspected



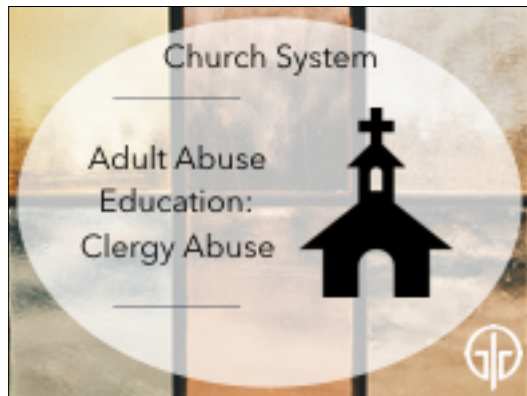
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Responding to Domestic Violence

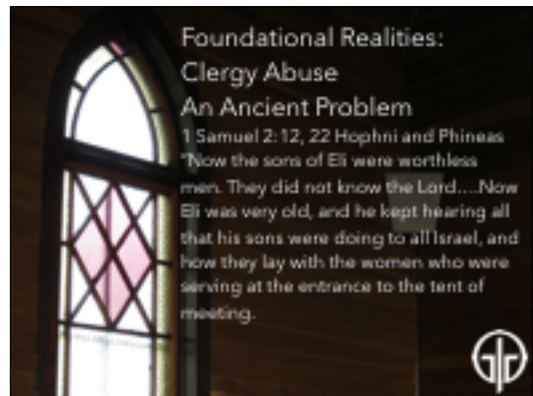
Ask open ended questions and listen carefully. Abusers are skilled in deception and they will make the wife sound ridiculous (for example): "She thinks everything is abuse."



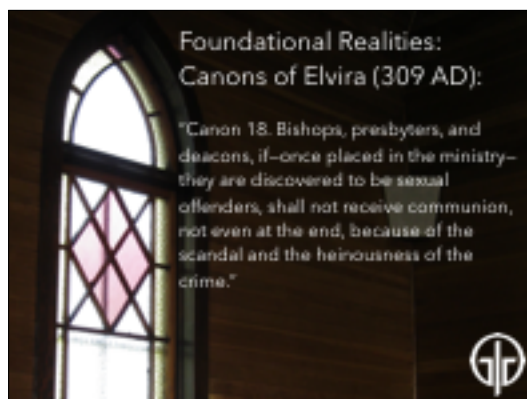
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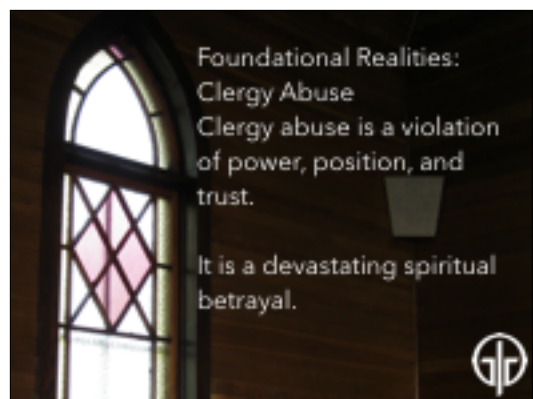
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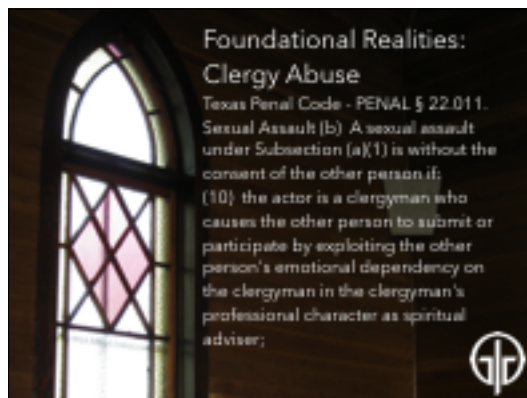
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