



Healing a Woman's Soul, Inc.

*Helping domestic violence victims
heal physically, emotionally, and spiritually
in the Christian tradition*

Sermon Resources:

General Facts:

Domestic violence (DV) happens every 15 seconds in the United States. Statistics show that the DV victim is most likely to be female and the abuser male. One in four women are victims of DV in their lifetime. DV is the single major cause of injury to women, exceeding car accidents, rapes, and muggings. Only about 48% of victimizations are reported to the police. DV leads to children becoming abusers or victims themselves. Alcohol and drug abuse alone do not cause violence in the family.

Definition of Domestic Violence:

DV is about mind control through abuse in an intimate relationship. Often several types of abuse are present at once: physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, spiritual or financial abuse. The news reports physical violence, but domestic violence goes deeper than just physical abuse. (For an easily understood definition, see A Sermon by Rabbi G. Enger on www.faithtrustinstitute.org/downloads/dv_sermon.pdf)

Internet Sermon Resources:

RAVE (Religion and Violence Learning), www.raveproject.org (Clergy Resources)
Faith Trust Institute,
www.faithtrustinstitute.org; (Go to News and Information for Sermon Ideas)
National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women,
www.vawnet.org (Denominational Statements and Sample Sermons)
Peace and Safety in the Christian Home, www.peaceandsafety.org

Emergency Numbers:

911 or NYS Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline 800-942-6906
NYS Child Abuse Hotline 800 342 3720
National Suicide Hotline 800 784 2433
National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline 866 331 9474
National Domestic Violence Hotline 800 799 7233

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