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There is a Power in Holiness that evil cannot Overtake!

In December, an incident happened in a nearby county: a young man was found with a large stash of child pornography which he justified by saying without it he would be likely to victimize a child, that it was keeping him from victimizing a child. A reporter for the local paper was given my name as a resource for comment in an article he was writing for the paper. He interviewed me by phone and I could tell he was totally naïve about the size, scope and depth of the pornography problem. I explained the truth to him that porn addiction is the same or worse than drug addiction in size, scope and depth and that he should look up statistics. He was so impressed by what he found, his article was titled “Little Lambs: Child porn addiction strong as drugs”.

We want to think this is a problem ‘out there’, especially if we are unaffected by it, as was the reporter, or a pastor, or a teacher, or a parent. But it is not! Porn and child porn has become a global problem in the home, in the church, and in the world.

Why should we be concerned in the church about pornography? Because it is available to anyone and everyone secretly on phones, ipads, computers, TV, and game consoles, right in our own homes! It has been said by experts that almost everyone has been exposed at some time or another on one of these devices, especially children with access to them.

How big is the problem for believers? The “Conquer Series, A Battle Plan For Purity” with Dr. Ted Roberts, a Kingdom Works production, states “A study of over 3000 data points discovered that 60-70% of men in the evangelical church, 20-30% of women and 50-58% of pastors are in sexual bondage. (similar rates of general population) Porn use is the #1 reason men in church seek counseling”. Porn generates \$13 Billion a year in the USA and we have become a net exporter of pornography to the world. All of this has increased sex trafficking to unparalleled heights. In 2011, Texas Atty General Greg Abbot said, “Super Bowl is single largest human trafficking incident in the US (USA Today).

Why is this such a problem for the Church? **“With porn there is no revival.** There is no way we can have revival in the church’s present condition. God would have to repent to give us a revival. He’s not going to do that,” Dr. Ted Roberts (of Pure Desire Ministries Intl. in the Conquer Series) says, “ Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit) make mankind in our image, after our likeness....27 So God created mankind in his image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.’ The only place on this planet you can see the image of God clearly is in a covenantal relationship between a husband and a wife. Therefore hell will do everything in it’s power to mar that image. That is why sexual bondage is such a powerful weapon against you (the believer). Because it will devastate your witness. It will make you an absolute joke with respect to hell. You may be able to preach, you may be able to lead bible studies, you may be able to communicate the gospel really well, but if behind the scenes you’re involved in sexual bondage, the enemy is laughing up his sleeve at you. God is going to ask the church to deal with this or we’ll become **irrelevant.**” Dr. Doug Weiss (Heart to Heart Counseling Ctr.) adds, “The Church is in the sexual battle of it’s life. What the enemy has been about is trying to rob the church globally of its spiritual authority on earth. It’s supposed to have authority to be the moral salt, to be the strength of a nation, and so what the enemy is after is our spiritual authority, as men at home, as men in the church, as men in the community, as men as world leaders.”

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Marriage, Family & Parenting/ Anger Management Essays

First I would like to say thank you. With all the obstacles you have to overcome just to come and do something positive, I pray that you are rewarded as greatly as we are by your presence. The opposition you receive from the enemy is great confirmation that God is working through you. My experience in your class was unique in that I used to teach a class similar to this one in schools and even prisons and detention centers before I became an inmate. I took this class thinking I would enjoy it and not learn very much but I was wrong.

The topics that were the most helpful to me was when we discussed the roles of the child in the dysfunctional family and codependency. By the grace of God I have no children but I am the oldest child of a mother who was a drug addict during my early childhood years. I am the oldest of 5 and the only boy. My father was killed by my mother's boyfriend when I was 7. None of my other sister's fathers were present in my life. As the oldest and only male I was very much forced into the role of Hero, Little Parent, Parents Parent, Caretaker, and Surrogate Spouse. After abandoning the family for a few years, my mom returned and in her insecurities for having left, tried to force me to be her codependent, a role I still resist today. I was/am the chosen child and when I read your definition of emotional incest, I almost cried because I finally had words to express what I felt for so long. I still deal with my mother's desire for unhealthy enmeshment and she makes me feel like a horrible human being for doing so. All 8 of the 'consequences to the child' (in emotional incestuous relationship) you listed fit me as well. I was shocked. I had no idea where all these things had come from. One of which being sexual dysfunction which is honestly the reason that I am in here. My need to fill my empty love tank led me down paths I never wanted to go down and I have hurt everyone that I love as a result. I didn't do everything I was accused of but I will neither justify or defend myself at this point. I know that revelation God gave me through your class was not for me to place blame but to reveal to me the areas of dysfunction and shame in my life that I need to let God heal. As painful as my "fearless moral inventory" was, it allowed me to get to the place where I can love and forgive myself but most importantly where I can experience God's love and forgiveness and let HIM fill my love tank. Society may now see me as the worst of the worst but I thank God that He doesn't see me that way and He sent His son to save even a wretch like me. I know it doesn't affect you directly but I want you to know that I am so sorry for the things I have done. God is filling my live tank more everyday. I setting healthy boundaries and saying "NO!" God used you to help me do that. Thank you! And thanks for caring enough to come.

The Family & Marriage Class has been a huge blessing an answered prayer in my life and the way I like. When I first started the class I couldn't tell anyone about Marriage, much less about a health and functional marriage. I also didn't know the difference between a healthy relationship and a non-healthy relationship. This class has touched my life in many different areas. Personally—I had a lot of brokenness, bitterness, and hurt in me that I didn't know how to deal with. I was very co-dependent. I depended on people loving me to validate me and my everyday actions and existence. I had no boundaries. I had acceptance, identity, and security issues. I've learned to detach myself from my harmful and shameful behaviors and relationships with and through the Word of God. I now set limits in my life and 'no' means no. This class has taught me that I can't change the past. And I no longer need people to validate my actions and life. It has also taught me how to be interdependent. Amen.

A piece of extremely valuable information is knowing most of the indicators as well as the 'ingredients' to a healthy or unhealthy relationship. That way for the most part, you can find out exactly what your are getting yourself into very early on and either know that you are heading for a wreck or ... you can 'fix' the malfunctions in the relationship while still on the 'drawing board'. It makes perfect sense to me.

Honestly I would have to say that the section that struck me the most deeply was the "Fatherless Generation" consisting of mostly the statistics of the children with no fathers. Well, besides the fact that I came up without a father for the most part, it made me realize a lot of things and I can't help but think that I am part of the statistics. Only to name a few of the many statistics noted here. 43% of children in the USA live without their father. Wow! That means that almost HALF of the whole United States of America grows up without a father. I mean we as a people have to know that this is unhealthy, but even still we add to the problem. It is time for a change. Also 85% of youths in prison grew up in a fatherless home. This is crazy and these are only 2 of the many heartbreaking statistics that we unknowingly add to, but personally I can be part of the solution now that I am aware of a big part of the problem. To name only a few things I learned in this course.

An unusual thing happened a few weeks ago. As I went to enter the gate at the prison, there were 13 transfers from the Main Unit to the Work Camp with their 'luggage' also at the gate. They were brought into the visiting park where my class was waiting for their 'graduation'. The class was prepared with 2 huge sheet cakes and they had invited inmates who were signed up for the next class to come to the 'graduation'. Only the graduation had been postponed by the administration until February. But nevertheless, we proceeded to hold our testimonial part of graduation for the men. Imagine my surprise and pleasure that all of the small class did come to the podium and testify before all the visitors. Now the inmates from the transfer were waiting there for their bed assignment and midway through our time they were joined by another 12 or so inmates. So we had a whole room full and we were able to serve them cake and a drink while they listened raptly to other inmates share their testimony. One graduate in particular was a huge surprise, a 'sleeper' if you will. He was quiet in class but always there and listening, saying little. Yet he came to the podium and said he was not good at speaking but could he read his essay? Yes, of course. His essay was 3 whole pages with lots of details of the class that we were able to stop and teach the new people and the whole room listened intently to his story. I will give you a short excerpt from his essay.

My name is B. and this is my 6th and longest stint in prison. I've never been serious about finding out the root of my problems before because I thought I knew it all and anyone else trying to give me good information went in one ear and out the other. I took this class and committed to change, which had good information that tied into this class. I didn't do it for someone else or the judge, classification and so on but I just wanted to do it for myself and that was the true step in the willingness to want to learn and change. I have a lengthy record and I am ashamed of that but the chains that have been holding me and my mind hostage will be broken with God's help and God is willing to help because He knows that in my heart that I am ready for change. This is the time for me and I can move on and grow and be mature and make mature decisions.

Even though I have never been married and have fathered no children, I still needed to learn real life stuff and healthy functioning relationships. This class has been a big help to me personally and spiritually and I have learned many things that I didn't know or realize. I'll start with the Love Tank. I never had an understanding of why I chose the relationships I had in the past. This lesson we had on the Love Tanks made me realize I was trying to get emotional needs met from others whose love tanks were half-filled because my own was half-filled. This tied in with 'Boundaries'. I never would have learned the concept of 'Boundaries' if it were not for this class. I seen that my boundaries, which were not many, caused me to seek out people who had no boundaries because they were like me with less strict boundaries. Now I understand why I was afraid of people with boundaries because I was afraid of letting go of my dysfunctional self. So now I know I need better healthier boundaries. I learned that you must take responsibility on how you feel. Don't hold your anger in and pout about it but go to that person and tell them what upset you or what line they crossed. I learned that recovery is about a relationship with God. I come from a fatherless home. I had a loving mother and I take most of my traits from her. She raised me right and I lay the blame on me for being here and the problems I've had. I learned Saturday at visit that my real dad died in 2015.

Grad Thank You.....I'm writing you to tell you I received the Precious Gift you sent me. This bible will help me with my studies when I get them plus I know for sure that our Lord is looking out for me. I feel that I'm not alone anymore since I have been accepted by ya'll. All my life I was never part of anything good. It has always been a survival mode. When I read the Bible I'm at peace. The devil tries to pull me in all directions and I struggle but I see the Lord working in my life. I'm still striving to become better and pray more. I'm learning how to pray. I'm still growing in Christ and I plan to grow even more. Please pray for me. That I continue to learn about Jesus. That I be safe wherever I go and while I'm in here for these 32 months that I have left I meet really good brother in Christ that will help me along the way. God bless you.....M

Dear Partners,

It's been a fast January as we play catch up from last year. Lots of things are happening. First, the Hogar Resa program is bursting at the seams. It seems the courts are sending more and more English speaking Americans to the program and although they have added a fourth home for men, they need more space. They are looking for more ways to solve this problem. Supervisor Also Guzman has purchased a vehicle and was aided by a car dealer who had kept his daughters new car in storage 4 years since her death to cancer. He sold it for a big discount and now that vehicle is in service with the Hogar. Thank you, Brenda and Marvin King.



At this time, the Hogar has opened a new home at 1114 Gloria St. in Avon Park which will house 16 men. This home was abandoned after Hurricane Irma and rebuilt by the men of the program and is now complete and ready to be occupied. You are welcome to stop by and be shown the building.

Also this time was spent getting Mary Tinberg, Herb Long, and myself into the volunteer system at the Highlands County Jail, attending orientation and begin planning how we can serve them. We will be joining Pastor Jose Valentin who has been at Highlands County Jail for years now with Little Lambs. Ms. Shirley Johnson, volunteer coordinator, oversees the schedule and has requested that we do classes for them. At the same time, the Avon Park Prison is doing an overhaul of their systems with a new administration and we will undergo the same process there this week. Our graduations at the prisons have been postponed until middle February. New chaplain, new administration, new rules, all need to be put in place. We're looking forward to serving these men this year.

Next, we have had a miracle. I was about to say 'minor' miracle, but no miracle is minor! We were expecting a postal rate increase in January. This always brings a thought, how far will they go this time? Oh my, they have given us a bonus! As the Forever stamp has risen to 55 cents, our metered first ounce has risen to 50 cents, an increase of 5 cents. Since all of our mail is 3 ounces or more that is a saving of 6 cents per oz. Some of our mail is 5 ounces that means a savings of up to 30 cents per piece on lots of our mail! Wow. What a bonus! We have served

more jails this year so we have seen lots of lessons 1-4 go out, then usually they are released. But we feel every lesson is sowing seed and getting them born again and acquainted with the bible. They learn to navigate, find things in the bible and the very basics of knowing God. At the very least it can give them a desire to know more about God and they become a seeker. Please remember to pray for our lambs.

I appreciate your patience in getting the tax statements out and once again, I want you to know how vital your giving is for us and how deeply it is appreciated.

We will be holding an Anger Management Class at our office on February 15, 16, 17. These three day intensive class assures that everyone completes their 12 hours and satisfies the courts demands. We have had good success this last year in the 3 day sessions.

God bless you all from all of us at Little Lambs.

Your servant, Eileen Sala

Schedule February 2019

Mon...Avon Park Prison Bible Study

Tue...Overcomers Avon Park Prison

Tue...Marriage & Family/Biblical Boundaries Avon Park Prison

Wed... Overcomers Bible Fellowship Church @ 6 pm

Wed... Marriage & Family/Biblical Boundaries @ Avon Park Prison

Thurs. Overcomers @ Avon Park Prison

Thurs..Released to Love, Women Codependent recovery @ 6:30 pm @ Little Lambs Inc

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