

# Hope SPEAK

## Dear Hope of Survivors Family,



There is nothing like the insidious evil of clergy sexual abuse (CSA). I've encountered murder, kidnapping, bank robberies and rape as a law enforcement chaplain. But nothing I've seen can compare with the sin of clergy sexual abuse. It's all of the above, and more.

There is murder involved in clergy sexual abuse—the slaughter of the abundant life that Jesus wants to communicate through His church. There is the kidnapping of one's identity as a faithful Christian woman. There is the robbery of her purpose in life. And yes, rape is involved as well—sexual conquest through the abuse of power, not with a knife but with the lethal weapon of overwhelming influence.

Is clergy sexual abuse as bad as incest? Actually, it is a form of incest when a woman's spiritual father betrays her trust and violates her body. And the effect can be even more damaging than if he were her biological father.

You see, even when biological family members fail to support a victim of incest, at least brothers and sisters in Christ usually rally to her defense. But when it comes to sexual violation within the family of God, victims of CSA usually don't have the support of fellow believers.

We see it constantly in our work with survivors of clergy sexual abuse. First, they lose the support they thought they had from the spiritual father figure who violated them. That's tragic, but to be expected. What they don't expect is for some of their dearest and best friends in God's family to turn on them. Often their own biological family even joins other church members in rallying around a predator pastor.

It's amazing. Church members who might fight with the pastor over choosing the color of the carpet tend to rush to his defense when evidence of his abuse surfaces. Why? Because they often think it is the woman's fault.

Church members often blame the victim of clergy incest for being a temptress who seduced their spiritual father. In reality, the victim has in all probability been groomed in a predatory process that confuses her identity and renders her vulnerable and feeling needy for physical intimacy with her caregiver.

Most victims are groomed without being aware of it, usually in the counseling room. If a woman initiates sexuality, it is usually the fruition of seeds that a pastor planted in her mind and heart.

But suppose the pastor did not (at least intentionally) groom the victim of clergy sexual abuse. Maybe somebody in her childhood or teens messed with her identity and sexualized her unmet emotional needs. And she may bring that dysfunction to the counseling room and initiate an inappropriate relationship with the pastor. Can she still be considered a victim?

Definitely. There is never any excuse for a pastor to succumb to sexuality with a parishioner. If he cannot establish and maintain boundaries of integrity, he has no business being entrusted with the ministry of a spiritual shepherd—no matter how well he can preach, teach, or pray.

It's just like with physicians, who operate under the *continued on next page...*

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standard of the Hippocratic Oath: “First, do no harm.” A caregiver’s most fundamental function is to avoid doing anything that would be hurtful to the person being served. This principle is true for all professionals—teachers in the classroom, supervisors in the workroom, and pastors in the counseling room.

Unfortunately, many Christians fail to understand this—even the most thoughtful and otherwise compassionate people in the congregation. Thus the victim of clergy sexual abuse may find herself all alone. Except perhaps for The Hope of Survivors.

We hear the same testimony over and over again. In desperation to find out what in the world happened to her, a victim goes on a Google® search and finds our



ministry. And for the first time, she feels understood. Empathized with. Loved and accepted. For many a victim, an evening she spends reading our website is when the healing begins.

The Hope of Survivors can be there for vic-

tims because of our faithful supporters. We invite you to sustain The Hope of Survivors with your gifts. There is a great need for us to come and have a *Hope & Healing Conference* in several cities this year. We also have the opportunity to go to pastors’ meetings and teach them how to be shepherds of God’s flock instead of wolves in sheep’s clothing. There is some expense in all this.

Steve and Samantha, with the rest of us at THOS, can only do what you empower us to do with your prayers and financial support. Maybe you can’t give much, and that’s OK. I can’t give much either, but I do send a regular gift each month for the sake of sharing the healing grace of God with His precious sheep who are victims of clergy sexual abuse.

May God bless you in experiencing and communicating His grace and peace,

Martin Weber, DMin  
Chairman of the Board, The Hope of Survivors

## Tips for Feeling Better Faster

No other abuse affects the whole body—spiritual, emotional and physical—the way pastoral sexual abuse does. Therefore, it is very important to take good care of yourself while healing from this devastating experience. Below are some things you can do to improve your physical health, which will help speed the emotional and spiritual recovery process as well.

1. **Drink plenty of water** each day.
2. **Eat nutritious meals** at regular times and avoid junk food (even though it’s tempting!).
3. **Get outside** and enjoy some fresh air and sunshine. Spending time in God’s beautiful creation will help ease your stress and soothe your mind.
4. **Exercise** some each day. Whether it’s going for a walk, or working out, do what you enjoy doing.
5. **Get plenty of rest.** This is generally difficult to do when under intense stress, but you can help yourself by trying to go to sleep at the same time each night, avoiding caffeine or other stimulants, and possibly taking a hot bath or shower before bedtime.
6. **Spend time with God** in His Word, in music or in prayer.

## Testimonials

*“I am, and will always be, grateful to you. If I had not found your website, and if you had not been there for me personally, I would not have known how to put into words what had happened in a way that would have been taken seriously...”—Victim*

*“You can’t realize (or maybe you can) how much your writing means to me. To think that somebody took this much time to respond to me, blows me away! I know I need God to be my healer, but I so need someone right now to tell me I’m okay. Your emails do that for me.”—IN*

*“Martin, I really thank the Lord for your ministry it is absolutely awesome and God is using it to save our ministry. I actually read out to the whole meeting yesterday the first letter that you replied to me and it spoke volumes to everyone and gave the leadership some clear direction. This is all very new to them and they honestly did not have a clue how to go forward, but your letter explained the process beautifully, whilst at the same time helped them not to fall into sympathizing with the perpetrator.”—UK*

## Holy Healing for Abuse Scars

—Tom Lemon

Let me begin with a very broad generality. Males in positions of authority have been taking advantage of females regularly for millennia. More bluntly: abusing women in their spheres of influence. Even Adam was, in the simplest terms, a wife abuser. It happened very early on when he blamed Eve for tempting him into sin. Abraham, Isaac, Samson, David, Solomon, and other men the Bible describes in very glowing terms, were abusers of women at one point or other in their life journeys.

Abraham lied about his relationship with his wife Sarah, twice. In both instances he put her in grave *real* danger to save himself from a *perceived* threat to his life. Isaac did the same thing with Rebecca. And there was so much intrigue and macabre behavior in the stories of Samson so as to more than exhaust the space allotted to this essay.

In every case, the feelings are not difficult to picture. Can you imagine the stabbing heart pain Eve endured as Adam laid the blame for his sin at her feet? Can you imagine the embarrassment of Sarah as she is taken into the housing unit used by Pharaoh's harem? Can you imagine the terror in the eyes of the women deceived by Samson's promises, and then betrayed by his incredibly weak strength? Or the helplessness of Bathsheba? Or the feelings of worthlessness by any/all of Solomon's women? Or the despair by the woman taken in adultery in John 8? And we could go on. Abuse of this sort is so painful; it hurts just to imagine it.

And we have said nothing about Lot's daughters or the gang rape and murder of the concubine in the last chapters of Judges.

It happens so often in the Bible that it would almost seem "normal." But in every case, the abusive male (or males) was called to account by none other than God himself. None of them "got away with it." And the conversations that occur between those men and God as recorded by the Bible's scribes almost always employ judgment language. In every case there was a price to pay. A very heavy price.

Abraham was kicked out of Egypt and sent back to Canaan in the middle of a major famine; his lack of faith embarrassingly exposed. Isaac was forced to leave the well-watered pastureland of East central Canaan for the parched, rocky Negev near Beersheba. Samson was doubled-crossed by Delilah but only because as an enemy agent she beat him to the punch. He lost his eyes and eventually his life. David lost four sons violently and he totally forfeited the respect of his people. Solomon would have been far better known for even deeper wisdom if he had applied it to himself personally.

No doubt if you are reading this you have been abused or know someone well who has been abused. In our day it is so common as to seem almost normal. And yet when it comes at the hands of a pastor or teacher or spiritual leader, it seems to cut with a little more pain, even a lot more pain. With a spiritual leader inflicting the hurt, the temptation is to think that God caused your suffering or at least was or is indifferent to it. More than one person has come to me over the years with the concern "does God really love me?" It is a question that lurks in the back of the mind of every victim of clergy sexual abuse.

I want to assure you that it was not God's will for you to be abused. Any more than it was God's will for David to take Bathsheba and murder her faithful and loyal husband. But having been abused God, by his Spirit, is more than willing to walk with you through this valley out of the darkness and into the light of healing grace. In fact, without that grace, getting past the pain will take a very long time, if ever.

The Hope of Survivors is a ministry whose existence is to provide a friendly place, an emotional home as it were in which to experience that grace without fear of any kind. Having been through abuse of the most debilitating and discouraging form, the leaders (and volunteers) know what you are dealing with.

If you are a victim, please know that even if your abuser has appeared to have escaped human accountability, there is still the divine judgment ahead. And yes, while we all want justice to be served, it is also important to recognize that your healing is not dependant on what happens to your abuser. Your healing will not come because he "gets his" in the end. It will occur because you have come into the presence of One whose very nature is to restore, rebuild, and remake our lives into His divine image all over again.

It is significant to note that not all males abuse women even though it may appear that way—even in Scripture. But what really matters is to recognize that healing is available; over time the heart is restored; the mind is transformed; the emotions are calmed; and hope is renewed. At The Hope of Survivors we pray that for you.



*Tom Lemon is currently serving as V.P for Administration of the Mid-America Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He and his wife, Jan, have been married for 34 years and they have two adult children.*

## The Day My Journey of Healing Began

—Susan

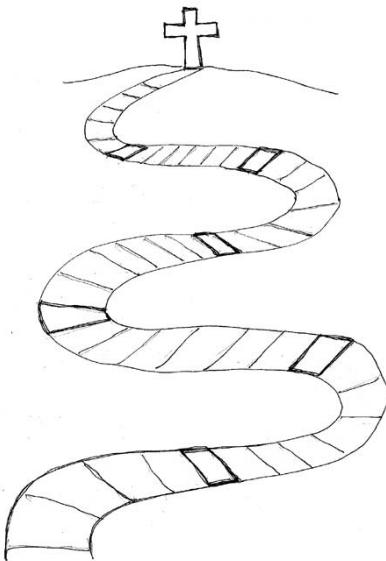
I always considered myself strong enough to stand on my own two feet. I was raised in a strict, religious environment and developed my own convictions and spirituality. I live the way I live because I believe it for myself. I was married before I was 21 to my best friend and a good man. We had a marriage that was strong. It was the 'perfect' family . . . house, car, jobs, kids, church, church, and church. I was active in the church's music program for over 15 years—serving as music director for the last four. Things fell apart with disagreements with the first 'family' of the church, and my husband and I saw no alternative but for our family to leave and find another place to worship. This was difficult since it was the church in which he was raised—it left our marriage very vulnerable because we were both hurting in different ways and had different needs for healing. I had been judged by a pastor as being "difficult and unable to get along with anyone in the church." So we left and started our journey to find our 'new home'. The first church we tried for three months continued to plague us with political issues relating to the first—so we finally settled on a church an hour from our home,

*"Too often we are so preoccupied with the destination, we forget the journey."*

—Unknown

more than I ever trusted anyone. He made my husband realize that I was important, should be most important to him, our family unit should be placed first and most important. After four months, we made his church our 'home'. Little did I realize at that time, that my trust would be used to take me down the most confusing, hurtful, and unbelievable journey of my life.

Rick and I talked on the phone several times over the months he was counseling me. He always said call or text anytime. He could always calm me down, see things not as bad as I perceived them to be, and help me feel like everything was going to be okay. I loved him like my father. I had known him most of my life, but not as my pastor. I had such respect and admiration for his



ministry, and I was honored to be a part of his church and have his support through the trying time of my life. He started making inappropriate comments—how he loved what I wore, my hair, on and on. I hugged him and his wife, and my mom and dad, before we left each weekend to return home. They were family to us. But, one evening when we were leaving, he hugged me and didn't want to let go. His comments started becoming more and more direct and uncomfortable—but I trusted him, and I did not want to make him unhappy. I needed his approval and support. He was allowing me to help with the music program at his church—he needed my help.

Over the next month, our text messages began to become more frequent. Then the phone calls became longer, and at inappropriate hours—after midnight—when I would be up late working while everyone else in the house was asleep. A few weeks later, we were at the church alone when I was preparing music for the next day's services—he told me he wasn't sure how to tell me—but I had swept him off his feet, he was madly in love with me. He needed me he said. I was helping his stress level to be lower, and made him feel young again [he was 16 years older than I was]. I was so shocked, and I thought I "needed" him, but I needed him to be my spiritual leader. He knew everything about me, my fears, my hopes, my dreams. His reasoning made me start to wonder if I loved him too. He said he could come see me at work, which he did a couple days later. He was lying to his wife about where he was and what he was doing, and trying to become more and more physical with me. He planned out every visit, and was methodical about his 'needs' and 'wants' from me. I was scared, nervous, confused. I loved my husband but we were having a difficult time communicating. Rick understood me—he knew how to make all my problems go away.

His wife became suspicious of his behavior. She checked his phone online and found the excessive text messages with me. She started watching him closely, which made him more determined to somehow have a physical relationship with me. I was helping him; he needed me; I was helping the pastor. I was blessed that the situation was short term—only three weeks of extreme abuse. His



wife, who suspected what he was doing since he had done this before, finally caught him with me. I was informed later that this was not his first time, but the church leaders kept it hidden and dealt with the situation privately.

The day the abuse ended, I was told by his wife to find another church. I wasn't sure what to do—to go home or not. I even contemplated ending my life. But somehow God provided the strength and I went home and told my husband the truth about what had happened. I knew I was wrong, but didn't understand my feelings or how I had even gotten in the situation. I am so thankful for

*“I realize that each day is a blessing and my purpose in life is to help others during their dark times by sharing the miracles in mine.” —Susan*

friends and an unbelievable husband that has stood by me and helped me through this experience. The hardest part was dealing with the confusion in my own mind of my feelings. Did I really love him? Did he love me? Why would he do this when I trusted him so much?

I tried to find answers in counseling, but my first attempt at a counselor left me feeling so much worse about myself and what had happened. I was made

to feel like I had an affair, I brought this on myself, and I was a horrible person. I doubted who I was, had no idea who I was supposed to be, and was very confused about how to figure it all out.

I remember clearly the day I found The Hope of Survivors (THOS) from an Internet search. Samantha returned my email and answered my questions. She knew exactly the confusion I faced and guided me with scriptures and prayer. It was the day my journey of healing began. A few weeks later, God gave me the strength that I needed to come forward and tell the complete truth to my husband and our church officials. It was a humiliating experience, but my husband and I could start moving forward and leave the past behind. I could not live with myself knowing that if I didn't come forward, I was enabling him to do it again. He and his wife had no intention of ever telling the truth to the church he still 'pastored'. He continued to act as if nothing had happened. God helped me to realize this situation was much more than just about me.

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## Kenya Division Update

Due to the instability in Kenya, inadequate safety for volunteers, as well as lack of funds to support the division, The Hope of Survivors has discontinued its operations in Kenya.

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation are extended to Hephzibah Akunga for her dedication in raising awareness of pastoral sexual abuse and The Hope of Survivors over the past few years, and to her sister Jane Simbe who was willing to donate a plot of land for the building of a healing center there. The land was not yet transferred to The Hope of Survivors, so Jane will be retaining the property. Victims of pastoral sexual abuse from Kenya will be referred to one of our other volunteers.

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*“Samantha, you have given me great wisdom and support throughout this whole ordeal.”—OH*

*“I do know that you are one busy couple!! But always remember if you are ever so stressed that you are pulling your hair out—if it wasn't for your support, guidance, encouragement, love, and friendship through my ordeal—I would not be where I am today mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. The appreciation you deserve for the ministry you provide could never be expressed in words.”—IL*

Thankfully, my life is progressing forward every day. It has been over 15 months now since my nightmare ended. I took the advice from THOS and started my journey forward. I am blessed to have my marriage, my family, and an amazing church family with a true pastor and wife that believe in me as well as love and respect me for just being me. God also blessed me with amazing friends that have supported and loved me unconditionally. I've learned a few things along the way. It has been a spiritual journey, and I've learned a lot about myself. I surrounded myself in positive and beautiful people and things, had to let go of things I couldn't control or change, and focus on

the wonderful life God has blessed me with. I realize that each day is a blessing and my purpose in life is to help others during their dark times by sharing the miracles in mine. One of my favorite quotes is "Too often we are so preoccupied with the destination, we forget the journey." [Unknown] This experience was meant to destroy me. But I have found, through the journey of healing, it has made me stronger.

I am so thankful that I found The Hope of Survivors—even though I know I didn't 'find' THOS, it was an answered prayer.

## Calendar Project Update

*Due to the lack of funds received for the calendar project, we have decided to include the case studies that were submitted to us in the next several newsletters. We hope you will be blessed by these testimonies of God's grace and healing power and that you will remember to pray for these individuals and for The Hope of Survivors.*



Brad and Heather, Illinois

For three years, someone who called himself a 'man of God' abused me. The pastor used his power and control, manipulation and fear, to prey on women who were easy targets (previous victims of sexual abuse), including myself.

When I began attending the church, I fell in love with a young man named Brad. The minister tore us apart and wouldn't allow us to communicate with one another, or even make eye contact when we were in one another's presence.

Brad left the church because of the impossible conditions we faced. Shortly after he left, the abuse began. As the months passed, my life

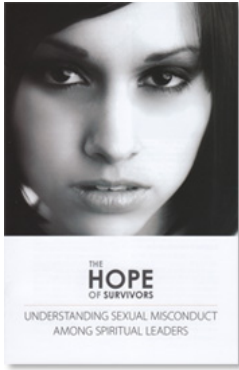
grew increasingly hopeless. The guilt, fear and anxiety of being abused were overwhelming. Eventually, I became suicidal. I reached out to Brad, wanting desperately to be with him, but feeling there was no way out of the horror I was in.

On December 11, 2007, I broke away from my abuser. The abuse had a tremendous negative effect on my relationship with God. It has taken months for me to even be able to pray again. God, The Hope of Survivors, Brad and my loving family have all banded together with love and prayer to support me through this ordeal. My relationship with Brad has been rekindled. We are very much in love and happy to be together, Lord willing, forever!

Sometimes it seems my abuser has 'gotten away' with what he did. I may never see justice on this earth. However, I have a promise from God in Ecclesiastes 12:14, *"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."*

I believe God brought The Hope of Survivors into my life. He spared my life and gave me hope when I found their website. Without their unending love, help and consistent support, I doubt I would be alive today. They have helped me understand what I'm going through as I heal. They pray for me and with me, and have helped me restore my relationship with the Lord and better understand His love and care for me. I cannot humanly express the gratitude I have for The Hope of Survivors for helping me.

## New Resource!



### *Understanding Sexual Misconduct Among Spiritual Leaders*

Ever wonder what is really happening to you or someone you know? Are you trying to decide how to help someone who has been abused by a pastor? Or wanting to know how the church should address the issue? This booklet provides information for victims, spouses, youth, pastors and wives, church leaders and

congregants, and an overview of the issue of pastoral sexual misconduct. It is a "must" for those who need answers and help!

(8.5x5.5, 20 pages) Only \$2.95 each.

Order online at: <http://www.thehopeofsurvivors.com/products.asp>

## 2 Corinthians 8:2-5

*"Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will."*

# How can I help?

Donations for 2009 declined by almost half of what they have been in prior years. We attribute this to the downturn in the economy, loss of jobs and other significant events during the year. This has a tremendous impact on our operating funds. Our goal is to raise \$70,000 for the annual budget for 2010. **Will YOU help?**

## Immediate Needs...

- Donations to offset the current budget deficit due to unfulfilled pledges (\$12,000).
- General Conference Session: Aside from reducing the budget deficit, we need funds to cover expenses (lodging, meals, gas, booth, giveaways) for the General Conference Session in Atlanta, GA, in June. We estimate \$10,000 will be needed to pay all expenses, including production costs for a documentary DVD. So far, only \$1,900 has been received. This is an incredible opportunity to spread the truth about pastoral sexual abuse and to raise awareness of The Hope of Survivors around the world.

- Monthly operating expenses (postage, office supplies, utilities, printing, etc.), staff, educational materials and victim assistance.
- *Hope & Healing* (victim's) conference expenses (meeting space rental, meals, travel, materials, etc.).

Donations are the primary source of funds that make it possible for The Hope of Survivors to maintain its ministry. Since The Hope of Survivors receives no denominational subsidies, your gifts are vitally important. Thank you for considering a tax-deductible

donation to further the work of this ministry and bring hope and healing to wounded hearts.

## Be Creative!

Did you know The Hope of Survivors is listed on the social networking site **Facebook**? Check it out! ([http://apps.facebook.com/causes/47537?m=33935&recruiter\\_id=12747904](http://apps.facebook.com/causes/47537?m=33935&recruiter_id=12747904))

No money? You can still support The Hope of Survivors! We will receive a penny each time you search the Internet using **www.GoodSearch.com**. Just be sure to type The Hope of Survivors in the charity to be supported box.

You can also donate through **American Express Giving Express** by going to: <http://amex.justgive.org/nonprofits/donate.jsp?ein=65-1211701>.

Thank you for supporting The Hope of Survivors!

## Calendar of Events

### May—Date To Be Determined

Thompsonville, IL—Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day

**Time:** 11:00am

**Location:** Thompsonville Seventh-day Adventist Church (also known as the 3ABN Community Center)  
3577 Angel Lane  
Thompsonville, IL 62890

Do not miss the Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day sermon being presented by Steve Nelson at the Thompsonville Seventh-day Adventist Church. There will be also be a benefit concert at 7:00pm. You will hear testimonies from victims of pastoral sexual abuse and learn more about the work of the ministry around the world. Proceeds will benefit The Hope of Survivors and its outreach projects. Please check the online Calendar for the latest updates.

### June 23, 2010

Atlanta, GA—The Hope of Survivors annual board meeting

### June 24-July 3, 2010

Atlanta, GA—General Conference Session

**Location:** Georgia World Congress Center, Exhibit Hall C-C3 and C4, **Booth #1324**

Samantha and Steve Nelson are Co-Founders of The Hope of Survivors. They strive to facilitate healing in the lives of those who have been wounded by a spiritual leader.

The ministry is founded on the commission in God's Word, which calls us to *"...comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."*

—2 Corinthians 1:4



The Hope of Survivors will be exhibiting at the General Conference Session of Seventh-day Adventists, which takes place once every five years. In 2005, The Hope of Survivors gave away thousands of DVDs and brochures and spread the word about pastoral sexual abuse around the globe. This is an excellent venue for reaching victims of pastoral sexual abuse and for raising awareness among church leaders. Please support this avenue of outreach. All are welcome to visit the booth, pick up educational materials and speak with representatives from The Hope of Survivors. There is no fee to enter the exhibit hall and visit the various exhibits.

### Exhibit hours are as follows:

Thursday, June 24—2:00pm-7:00pm

Friday, June 25—9:00am-7:00pm

Saturday, June 26—2:00pm-7:00pm and 9:15pm-10:45pm

Sunday, June 27 through Friday, July 2—9:00am-7:00pm

Saturday, July 3—2:00pm-7:00pm and 9:15pm-10:45pm

*Hope & Healing* victim's conferences are currently being considered in various locations (i.e., Indianapolis, IN; Jacksonville, FL; etc.) and will be scheduled when funds become available to conduct such programs.

To schedule or sponsor a conference in your area, call (866) 260-8958. Check our web site for additional details and the most current information.  
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