

SEXUAL ABUSE:
Confronting the chains
that bind us

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- ✓ *Every 98 seconds, a person in the US is sexually assaulted. It may be a woman, a girl, a man or a boy.*
- ✓ *135,000 children are victims of sexual abuse every year.*
- ✓ *In the past 20 years, 18,000,000 women have been raped.*
- ✓ *1 out of 3 women and 1 out of 5 men have been sexually abused.*

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- **Wounded lives are left in its wake.**

Catalysts of Sexual Abuse

- Our sexuality is deeply distorted by our depravity.
- Our distorted sexuality is normalized through cultural means.

There is Hope!

- The church must break the culture of silence.
- We must learn to empathize with the abused (Hebrews 13:3b).
- We must understand the process of Gospel transformation.