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The sex industry is far more powerful and destructive today than ever before. Its far reach continues to exploit the image of God in each person through greed, violence, coercion and lust for power. The Church is called to be salt and light, to reveal truth, and to stand against evil, including the evil of the sex industry. As God's called out ones let's stand against this evil that steals childhoods and devastates lives.

Did you know?

- The sex industry is estimated to be a \$99 billion dollar industry worldwide and holds more people captive than the transatlantic slave trade. Organizations exist to serve those who seek to escape, and can also provide resources to help build awareness and provide opportunities for others to join in responding to this outrage. Go to gozoe.org/learn/ or InOurBackyard.org to learn more.
- Porn has become common place and its consumption directly feeds the sex industry. According to the Barna Group's research two out of three youth pastors and more than half of senior pastors say porn is a current or past struggle (barna.com/the-porn-phenomenon).
- According to the Association of Sites Advocating Child Protection, \$3 billion dollars of revenue come directly from child pornography (asacp.org).
- HopeFortheSold.org, an organization that has created a documentary called *Over18*, states that about 85% of boys under 14 years old have seen pornography.

What can we do?

- Talk about it! Talk from the pulpit, offer liturgies, laments, and sermons; encourage small groups to take on the topic. Participate in Abuse Awareness Sunday. Need specific ideas? Contact your safe church representative or Safe Church Ministry (crcna.org/safechurch).
- If you are one of the many who struggle - go to an SA group! Never heard of it? SA is just like AA and likely has a group meeting near you. Go to www.SA.org. Join in fighting the new drug (fightthenewdrug.org).
- Pray! Pray for those impacted, pray for lawmakers to pass laws against it, and pray for the Church to consider how we might stand against this darkness.

Find more information or contact your safe church rep. at (crcna.org/SafeChurch)



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