

“Taking a Stand Against Domestic Violence and a Stand for Victims”

Ephesians 4:31-32

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Introduction:

- A. Today I want to address the _____ and _____ of domestic violence.
- B. My purpose is twofold:
 - 1. To make it perfectly clear that we as a church stand against any kind of domestic violence, and that we will not _____ it in our midst.
 - 2. To make it perfectly clear to _____ that we are here for you.
- C. Stories of domestic violence involving a couple of high profile _____ players have dominated all news media outlets.

I. The Statistics and Definition.

- A. Statistics:
 - 1. Every _____ seconds a woman is battered by a husband, boyfriend, or partner.
 - 2. Every day at least _____ women are murdered by their intimate partners.
 - 3. 1 out of every _____ women experiences domestic violence during her lifetime.
- B. Definition: It is a pattern of behavior based on the use of power and control of one person over another. Abusers use different ways to exercise their power and control; it may take the form of physical, verbal or emotional, economical and sexual abuse.

II. The Experience

- A. Stories
- B. Why do women stay?
 - 1. _____ dependence
 - 2. Too _____ and broken
 - 3. Because of _____
 - 4. Don't want to break up the _____
 - 5. Want to _____ spouse
 - 6. Don't want to _____ or _____ God
- C. Domestic violence is a _____ behavior.

III. Our Response

- A. To make it perfectly clear that we as a church stand _____ any kind of domestic violence, and that we will not tolerate it in our midst.
 - 1. Eph. 4:29, 31-31; 5:25, 28-29; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; and 1 Pet. 3:7
- B. We must be ready to be there for _____ of abuse.
 - 1. Galatians 6:2; Matthew 11:28

Answer Key: Intro.A. problem, plague. B.1. tolerate. B.2. victims. C. NFL. I.A.1. 15. I.A.2. 3. I.A.3. 3. II.B.1. economic. II.B.2. ashamed. II.B.3. fear. II.B.4. family. II.B.5. change. II.B.6. offend, disobey. II.C. learned. III.A. against. III.B. victims.