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Anti Trafficking

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# It looks different than you think

When she escaped out of modern day slavery she thought she was pulled out of it and she put trafficking into a box with a bow. But the truth is that trafficking is very dynamic. It is women kidnapped, border travelling, massage, prostitution online. It looks different based on your community.

It looks diverse in India, Tijuana, Mexico, NYC and India. Trafficking is everywhere. Anywhere the internet exists trafficking exists. In more rural areas you're going to see more survival and familiar trafficking. Selling your children to the landlord, we call it child abuse, but as soon as you're selling a person for services and it gets put into trafficking.

# Exploiting the weak

Even in the culture in which you are serving, you best believe there is labor trafficking going on. People getting in on legal work visa’s. You're attached to one employer, that employer will exploit that situation. Not going to pay you, and I am giving you a debt and let you live in inhumane conditions. Some people don’t grasp how that can even look in the USA.

25 different types of human trafficking, the one common is that traffickers exploit the vulnerable. A tough space in life, the cross roads of something. Looking for those type of people and exploiting them in that situation.

# Wherever there are people and internet

To the trafficker this is a business, not per se sex addiction, prostitution. It is a criminal organized crime talking about profit and loss, low risk, high reward. What does it look like in America? A lot in California, Miami and NYC. The Highway system looks a lot like what is going on in this. Reality is that trafficking is really prevalent wherever there are people. Average person buyer of sex in the world: Number one buyer is American man.

Not okay to buy people, important that man will defend and protect and be heroes to women and children. Impact this issue in a different way. The traffickers target who you are and follow you trying to show you parading flesh that is bought, trying to get you into buying this. Changing your culture.

# Identifying as a victim

None of the victims think that they are victims. They don’t identify as victims because of poor marketing. Victims are not seen; my children went to school with you. We sat amongst you and you never noticed. Why? Because you are looking for this! That can be for any social justice work you get into. Make sure you are branding the issue very well to the public. Or the very identification is the same. 70% are sold online.

# Raising our children

How does raising our sons play into this?

Not just a woman’s right issue? I actually speak at all kinds of different places. Well I have sons, you don’t want to come to the human trafficking part because you think they are at risk? Still the buyer is man.

# Pornography

If we are feeling this, soft core You have been set free, peeking at Playboy is now our mainstream media every bill board that we are towing our children around. We can expect that it changes stuff! At 15 it arouses our children, but at 5 don’t you think that changes something?

We are feeling it from a very young age. People acting out pornography with skin on. I can’t act it out with my wife, therefore I will hire someone to do this with. This fight is not against flesh and blood, but against the spirit behind it.

# Following the call of God

She lived in London, but then went to home again.

Psalms 34:10 (ESV) The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

I want to know what VO looks like here in London, an hour drive completely across the city. I will seek word and want to have a word again. Hey, I feel you girl I have been there too. The pastor gave a word, I have launched this for 17 years, but God has opened up a door to go back to the United States to answer the call of God on my life. I have to do what God is calling me to do more than anything else.

# The dangling carrot

The dangling carrot was up there, the enemy will always have you chasing it. But God will give it to you and it will last and bear fruit! Not a quick fix, but actually growing into it.

She wrote a book: Roadmap to redemption

If you will give me the same amount of time to God as you gave to satan I will never be outdone!

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At some point, you need to have goals, trainings and become bigger than yourself. An objective from your narrative. Grass roots and growing it out. Sometimes we go back to the very thing we got delivered from. Replicate an online academy, mentoring women online. Finding deeper levels of healing. Creating tangible steps to get there.

Epik and have a consultant. Direct and indirect rbi. Phone number and IP written down please stay on the phone. See the repentant heart of man on the other side. The is so good. I was raised in church and pornography is ruining my life please help me!

Where do you start?

**Educate yourself!**

1. Assess the need
2. Asses yourself
3. Develop your plan
4. Stay in your lane, find your lane and do it well! Collaboration is letting people in, don’t just throw spaghetti at the wall. Unite your community
5. Develop a protocol for response (emergencies. You will become the go to that people will. If you don’t know who to call when you get a call you're going to feel really bad. Know that you have a plan! It is inevitable, you will get a call!)
6. Network

# Important tips

* Don’t sensationalize the issue, improperly show things in order to evoke an emotion. We don’t need duct tape dirty mattresses it will keep missing the point. You have to properly show what it looks like.
* Never re-exploit or use survivors as tokens. Don’t really want to share your best, you want me to share your worst that isn’t really fair. Trying to get people to relive intimate parts of myself so you can make money. Wow that sounds like a lot like my trafficker. Serving chili out of the can for our victims. Be thoughtful of what you're doing. This is hurting people!
* Use proper terminology, language shapes perception. They’re not prostitutes, but daughters of God and they were chosen. Oh, so she had a pimp, then she is a trafficking victim! Prostitute revokes a whole different perception to people.
* Cite your reputable resources!

# Give back to the community

“What if you could do what you love to fight what you hate?” - Jeremy Vallerand Rescue Freedom International TED talk

Give a couple of hours back to the community. Brilliant minds see them e-mailing want to walk the dogs outside? He had this revelation of that NGO really using your strategy and a marketing plan? If that is what you love, use it to fight what you hate!

Sometimes the enemy tries to get you a different identity than what God sees!

# Changing culture

Sports illustrative for the Super Bowl. God wants to change culture. Impact the issue of hyper sexuality.

What influence do you have?

Skills What is your passion, training, skill set and gifting?

Profession Where do you work? What degrees might you have?

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# Questions and answers

What do I do if I love have 5 minutes? If you only have 5 minutes with someone that is just vulnerable. But pray, give a word from God. Maybe you’ve never used me like that, but this boy or girl needs to use you right here. That will radically change things! That Christians around her would be faithful. Just be faithful to whatever God tells you to say or do.

What do you think about decriminalization? Don’t put the blame on the victim, but on the perpetrator. Nations that have fought for this, legalization sees an increase in trafficking. Issue of decriminalization in Sweden goes really well because they have a very good social service leg. They need 2 legs for that. Need to look into that, increasing social services. Consensus from the world summit, has to start with one state vs a whole nation.

When it comes to traffickers are there people working with the restoration of the traffickers? I don’t know any organization yet that has worked on this. I know that when they get caught that get incarcerated for 30 years or lifelong. Forgiveness wasn't really easy, but when God changes your heart He changes your heart. An old school gospel song, her trafficker used to play it in the house. He is my son and I love him, I died for him. We all have made choices, all of us have done it. We’ve sought the forgiveness of God, He knows why we’re behaving the way we are.

How do we rebuild trust? If you work with women that have trust issues it is important that you don’t want nothing in return. Just wanting to help someone out with groceries to her car, then the wall can come down. But also, that man need to be in the fight defending women. She had a good grandpa, knew they existed. As God brought really healthy man in my life as mentors and father types I learned there were good man that didn’t want anything in return. May mean not married to you, but shifting her thoughts to do well.

How did you escape and get hope for escape to them? Feds raided one of the homes, everyone was facing prison time and that I was caught up in this thing. She was beaten for so many years, her trafficker had flown to prison, for tax evasion. On the day, he was gone I asked for the plane ticket, ran home to Oregon. She went to therapy, she did have Sozo from a Vineyard church. In the Presence of God will change your life. How to get trafficked, oh that is for the people. SOAP go around on the back of hotel soaps. Get the signs: if you're being beaten and you can’t stop we can help you! Not going to be an instant if you're ready let’s go, a building of trust because of you showing up. No obligation or anything against them.