

TABOO



Part 2: Domestic Violence

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The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

- Proverbs 10:11

The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, he hates with a passion.

- Psalm 11:5

Domestic Violence:

A systematic pattern of behavior used to establish power and control of another person, usually within an intimate context. This pattern can be established in every relational construct (husband to wife, wife to husband, parent to child, child to parent—any age, and within the dating context).

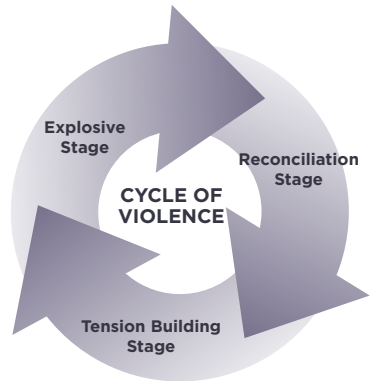
The Spectrum of Domestic Violence

Physical Abuse

Emotional Abuse

Sexual Abuse

Spiritual Abuse



Marriage, as God designed it, is a place of:

Mutual submission

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21

Love, sacrifice, unity, respect and honor

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."...However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. - From Ephesians 5:25-33 (see also 1 Peter 3:1-7)

Gentleness

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. - Colossians 3:19

Safety

The covenant of marriage assumes love, protection and sacrifice

How do I keep from turning a blind eye to the problem? (James 4:17)

Ask the question: How can I help?

Be a bridge of non-judgmental relational support

Connect them with people who can help (DVSAS - 360-715-1563)

Always remember that God is a God who shelters, helps, heals, restores and brings hope

“Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth
by your great power and outstretched arm.
Nothing is too hard for you.
- Jeremiah 32:17

Next Steps

BE READY TO HELP.

- **Stop by the DVSAS table in the Commons** and pick up info about the 24/7 Domestic Violence helpline, so that you have it if someone in your life ever needs it.
- **Consider becoming a DVSAS advocate.** Training begins this fall, find out more at their table in the Commons.

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- **Let us Pray for You.** If you, or someone you know, may be experiencing domestic violence, members of our Prayer Team will be available (at the front of this room) after the service to pray with you.
- **DVSAS Advocates are Available.** If you come forward for prayer, Pastors and DVSAS advocates are also available to answer questions and tell you more about the support available.
- **Take a Class.** See *Invaded Lives* on today's insert.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Do you or do you not enjoy the election season? Why or why not?
- 2) What kind of image do you believe Jesus wants you to bear during an election season?
- 3) Read Romans 13. What does it mean to “be subject to”? How does that work if the leadership is not godly?
- 4) What does it mean to you to put your faith above your politics?
- 5) Did Grant's message prompt any questions about the topic of politics? What questions are in the forefront of your mind as the election approaches? We are not looking for answers—just the questions!
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?



DON'T WAIT TO SAY SOMETHING

BE READY TO HELP

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Whatcom County law enforcement agencies respond to nearly 3000 domestic violence calls a year.

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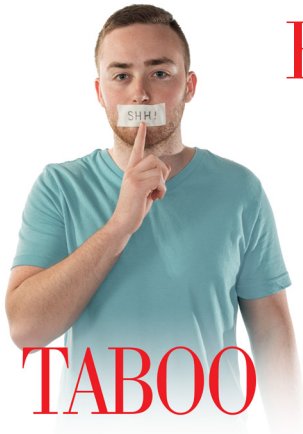
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BREAK THE SILENCE

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As part of our summer sermon series, we are offering a few classes this summer to help you process and grow if you have been affected by one of these “taboo” topics.

INVADED LIVES

6 Thursdays, July 7-August 8 | 6:30–8:00 PM in Base Camp

Abuse and neglect take many forms, from seemingly harmless words and actions to violent acts against us or the people and things we love. This 6-session class helps men and women discover the importance of fully acknowledging every form of abuse and its effects on our lives. You'll learn how to fully grieve losses and experience God's healing comfort in the midst of pain, and permanently reclaim lost freedom and self-respect. Taught by Karolyn Merriman. *Sorry, no childcare available.*

Register at ctk.church/classes or contact Linda (x233 or lindap@ctk.church). Cost: \$25

GRIEF JOURNEY: The Path to Healthy Brokenness

4 Sundays, July 10–July 31 | 9:30–10:45 AM in Room 212

Grieving is the universal emotional work that we all must do at some point. Did you know God has designed a way for our souls to process loss? Grief Journey helps describe that path—and what happens if we avoid grieving or attempt the journey without God's help. Through teaching by Mike Black, a local counselor, and discussion groups, our hope is that you'll find the gifts God gives in the midst of life's losses such as death, divorce, job loss, or a difficult diagnosis. *Kids may attend CTK Kids programs during this class.*

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