

"I was dying inside."

Survivor of domestic violence

Do you feel safe at home? Does your partner ever . . .

frighten you? try to control everything you do? blame you?

◆
isolate you from family or friends? humiliate you in private or public?

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push, slap or kick you? lock you out of the house?

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threaten to hurt you, other family members, friends, or pets?

If you can answer yes to any of these, you may be a victim of domestic violence.

It is not your fault! You are not alone!

**Domestic violence happens, even in our congregation!
Everyone deserves to be safe!**

For Immediate Help

Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233/SAFE

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**Call your local police, sheriff,
or Public Safety Officer**

or

DIAL 911 (where available)

Add local service provider information.

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Pieces of a Bigger Picture

**Faith Communities and Service Providers Working Together
to Support Victims of Sexual and Domestic Violence**

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“Victims, survivors, and surviving family members consistently turn to their faith communities for support and safety.”

Georgia Commission on Domestic Violence, 2009 Fatality Review

Domestic violence IS an issue in our congregation!

1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience domestic violence at the hands of a husband, wife, boyfriend, girlfriend, or intimate partner.



Domestic violence can affect anyone!

**Many faithful Americans turn to someone in their faith community for HOPE...and help.
You can be that help!**

- ❖ Listen with compassion and without judgment.
- ❖ Encourage the domestic violence survivor to think about their safety. Don't talk to anyone else about the situation without their permission.
- ❖ Let the survivor know they are not alone. Provide emotional, material, and spiritual support.
- ❖ Refer the survivor to local domestic violence advocates for expert help, safety planning, and support.
- ❖ Couple's counseling is dangerous and is NOT recommended.

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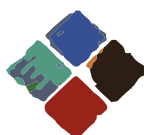
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