

◆ Seek _____,

(Luke 4:28-30) "So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, {29} and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. {30} Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way."

◆ Pray he will _____,

◆ Do not _____ mere _____,

(Proverbs 28:13) "He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."



Blue Mountains Domestic Violence Support Services

- **Domestic Violence 24 Hour Line** – 1800 656 463
- **Domestic VIOLENCE advocacy Service** – 9637 3741 or Free Call 1800 810 784
- **Blue Mountains Hospital** – Great Western Highway , 47806000
- **Wimlah Refuge Katoomba** – 4782 9158
- **Lithgow Women and Children's Crisis Centre** – Via local Police
- **Penrith Women's Refuge** – 4732 2218
- **Katoomba Youth Refuge** – 4782 3646
- **Domestic Violence Court Assistance Scheme** – 4782 4155
- **Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre** – 4782 4155
- **Katoomba Community Health Centre** – 4782 2133
- **Family Support** – 4782 1555 (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday)
- **Blue mountains Women's Health Centre** – 4782 5133
- **Lifeline** – 13 1114
- **Mountain Women's Resource Centre** – 4782 1216 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)
- **Centrelink** – 4782 8301
- **Interpreter Service** – 13 1450
- **Department of Community Services** – 4782 3066 or 1800 656 463 (free call)
- **Gunedoo Child and Family Centre** – 4782 5397 or 4782 5326
- **Adolescent and Family Counsellor** – 4782 4436
- **Mountains Women's Halfway Housing** – 23 Waratah st, Katoomba , 4782 3553
- **Rape Crisis Centre** – 1800 424 017
- **Warringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre** – 1800 686 587
- **Aboriginal Cultural Resource Centre** - 4782 6596

CALL THE POLICE 000 EMERGENCY

Katoomba Police Station – 4782 8199
Springwood Police Station – 4751 0299
Penrith Police Station – 4721 9444
Lithgow Police Station – 6352 2322
Ask for the Domestic Violence Liaison Officer



NOVEMBER 22, 2015

Domestic Violence

The victim must be heard. As an imitator of Christ, you begin by listening to the cry of the afflicted (Psalm 10:17). Granted, this is self-evident; there could be no other starting point. First, our Lord hears the cries of the oppressed. The sheer number of psalms that call out for God's protection indicate that we serve a loving Lord who never tires of listening to and acting on the groanings of the needy.

God is the righteous judge who hears injustice and hates oppression, but He is more than a judge. He is the one who, in unfailing love, comes close to His oppressed people.

His listening occurs in a relationship between the weak one and the compassionate Shepherd of the sheep.

To further underscore the importance of hearing, realise that some victims of violence are reluctant to speak openly. They may fear that openness will lead to retaliation by their husband; they may feel ashamed that they contributed to the war (though they are **not** responsible for the violence done to them); they may consider their problems unworthy of an elder's or friend's attention; or they may feel ashamed that their husbands could dislike them to the point of violence.

Since biblical hearing is coupled with action, you might determine that hearing (especially if the violence has been personal and dangerous) means taking the victim for a medical examination, calling the police, or providing a temporary safe place.

If the home is potentially unsafe, it is wise to inform the perpetrator that his wife has revealed the violence and is being kept at an undisclosed safe place.

If the woman is confident that returning home will not lead to her physical harm, then your listening should include a more systematic review of the violent, controlling patterns in the marriage. This information is most helpful when it is written and specific. Then the perpetrator can be confronted according to Matthew 18 and made to understand that the church leadership takes domestic violence very seriously and will act to protect the wife even as they seek to minister to him and hold him accountable.





Our Home

Domestic Violence

We can consider what the Bible says about domestic violence by asking two questions:

1. What does the Bible say about _____ of _____ in the home? Ephesians 6:9, 5:25, 28, 29,

(Psalms 11:5) "... the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates."

(Genesis 6:11) "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence."

(Jeremiah 22:3) "Thus says the LORD: "Execute judgment and righteousness, ... Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, ..."

(Ezekiel 8:17) "And He said to me, "Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it a trivial thing to the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they commit here? For they have filled the land with violence; ..."

(Jonah 3:8) "... yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands."

(Romans 1:30) "backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,"

(1 Timothy 3:3) "not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous;"

(Psalms 72:4) "He will bring justice to the poor of the people; .. And will break in pieces the oppressor."

(Psalms 9:9) "The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble."

(Exodus 3:9) "... the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them."

(Exodus 22:21) "You shall neither mistreat a stranger nor oppress him, ..."

(Deuteronomy 24:14) "You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, ..."

(Isaiah 53:7) "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth."

(Luke 4:18) "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;"

(Psalms 103:19) "The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all."

(1 Timothy 6:15) "... He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,"

(Romans 13:1) "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God."

(Habakkuk 2:8) "Because you have plundered many nations, All the remnant of the people shall plunder you, ..."

(1 Peter 3:7) "Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered."

(Matthew 5:21-22) "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' {22} "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire."

2. What does the Bible say about a _____ response to _____? Ephesians 4:29, 31

◆ Remember that you are not _____,

(Psalms 55:1) "Give ear to my prayer, O God, ..."

(Psalms 55:3) "... Because of the oppression of the wicked; For they bring down trouble upon me, And in wrath they hate me."

(Psalms 55:5) "Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me."

(Psalms 55:17) "Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice."

(Psalms 55:23) "But You, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction; Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; But I will trust in You."

◆ Remember it's not your _____,

(James 4:1-2) "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? {2} You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. ..."

◆ You can _____,

(Daniel 1:8) "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself ...; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."

(1 Samuel 25:23-25) "Now when Abigail saw David, she hastened to dismount from the donkey, fell on her face before David, ... {24} So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be! And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, ... {25} "Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. ..."

(1 Samuel 25:32) "... "Blessed is the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!"

◆ Seek _____,

(Galatians 6:1) "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted."

◆ Make a statement of _____,

(Matthew 18:15-17) "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

[16] "But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' {17} "And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector."