

Stephani, Survivor of Sexual Assault on her College Campus



Out of respect for the survivor who bravely came forward to share her nightmare with us, the name in this report has been changed. Each survivor who shared their story was given the choice as to how they would be identified.

Sexual Abuse is multifaceted, a survivor can project confidence and true beauty on one side while at the same time feeling alienated and worthless. I am thankful for this report and the leaders who showed bravery in compiling it. Now the real challenge begins. We must forge ahead without being deterred by opposition. Not as a denomination but rather as a collective group of sinners saved by grace. We must produce a solution that is adequate to meet the needs of victims appropriately. The implications of this movement are far bigger than church safety or even victims of sexual abuse. They are that when justly acknowledging our wrongs with the grace and mercy of a loving and righteous Savior, we not only speak for these victims but also for those who have not yet told their story. We speak to those who do not know our Savior but are most certainly watching.

Over time, I have come to terms with the magnitude that sexual abuse and the implications of covering it up have played in my life. I am blessed that through my Savior, I have found joy far superior to my pain. My most fervent prayer for this council is that it begin a chain reaction of the same result for countless others.