

Christian Love Shouldn't Hurt: Support for Women

Beauty can be borne
out of brokenness.

There is the dawn of
a new day.

The white dove, with wings
outstretched represents spiritual
strength to overcome even the greatest
of challenges.

The language of the spirit brings hope.



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Team Mission

*There is no place like home; when
abuse strikes, there is no home.*

RAVE seeks to equip religious
leaders to respond to domestic
violence ways that are compas-
sionate, practical, and in-
formed way by the latest re-
search and best practices for
professionals;

RAVE seeks to build bridges
between the steeple and the
shelter;

RAVE seeks to walk alongside
victims and survivors on their
journey towards healing and
wholeness; and

RAVE seeks to hold abusers
accountable for their actions,
while offering hope for a trans-
formed life.

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Listening to the Voices of Victims

Interviews of church women concerning domestic violence

I've grown up in the church and you're not supposed to get [a] divorce, you know. You married this guy and you're supposed to stick it out for better or worse and it's a really hard decision to finally leave. It's one of the hardest decisions I've ever made.

I think, um...as a Christian you look on it as, you know, suffering for Christ's sake, or a burden you have to bear, and...you tend to try to live through it a bit longer.



I mean they [the women of the church] were really supportive. I mean they just, the women, just started to go

down and pray for me right there. And I guess I was afraid they would [be] judging of what was going on because I was leaving him. And I knew he [the pastor] was really good to talk to and he just sat there—leave, but it [was] my choice.

When my daughter was four-and-a-half months pregnant with twins...her husband left her. We had him...three nights in a row out in front [of] our house threatening to murder her, to burn our house down. We had friends sittin' up all night with us, takin' turns...The police were there probably up to three hours every night...[yet] he was never once arrested. He pulled his pants down in the middle of the street and urinated at the police officer.



As a Christian woman, have you ever been:

- called unpleasant names?
- pushed or hit by your husband?
- fearful to go home?
- frightened for the safety of your children?

We can offer you resources via our website: www.theraveproject.org

How Can We Help?

We offer resources for women:

- Contact information for shelters throughout Canada and the United States
- A downloadable safety plan
- Stained glass advice
- Words of hope and awakening
- Information on violence around the world

Ideas on how to:

- Assist a victim looking for help
- Raise awareness in your church on abuse
- Partner with your community to stop violence
- Support the local shelter

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