

General Topics :: husband abuse**husband abuse - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/7/8 9:47**

i was reading through one of the posts on the other thread on the topic of a unloved wife, and it brought to mind some issues in my own life that i wanted to put up for discussion. as a wife who abused her husband until the LORD got a hold of my heart, i just wanted to say anger is not limited to the male of the human race. there are plenty of women who verbal, emotionally, and physically abuse their husband. no i was not nuts, or on drugs, no i did not use alcohol, i just always wanted to be in control, i wanted to run things my way and when my husband did not do exactly as i wanted i used all manner of sinful behavior to attack him. i manipulated, i lied, i called names(terrible names)i nagged, and harassed him. i have repented and my husband has forgiven me and our marriage has been healed but in those years he dealt with a lot from me. what is most amazing to me is my husband never once brings up my past horrible treatment of him. he never reminds me of who that angry person i was before Jesus got a hold of me.

i did a google search of husband abuse and found the very first of many links that came up interesting to read. abuse happens to both men and women in marriages, its a fallen world. we all need Jesus.

in writing this thread i just wanted to open up the discussion about husband abuse. if a marriage is going to be saved and healed then both husband and wife need Jesus in their lives.

rdg

Re: husband abuse - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2014/7/8 10:23

rdg,

You are so right. Absolutely right.

And...I suspect if the males were to point out this reality (of wives abusing their husbands) some will accuse them of being manipulative, abusive - you name it.

As human beings we are ALL subject to abuse, manipulate, hurt, fight people we are close to. All of us, wives included.

The beauty of forgiveness is that it gives one a wonderful opportunity to start all over with a new beginning. This your husband allowed you to do. Beautiful testimony, rdg.

Your testimony proves that abuse can be repented of - no one is beyond redemption. Amazing! and only God can work that out.

Glad you posted, rdg.

God bless.

Sandra

Re: , on: 2014/7/8 10:38

I am sorry but there is a world of difference between bad behaviour which we are all capable of, and the potential consequences where a man cannot contain his anger, being of such superior strength, and the danger that the weaker partner is in. The gulf is huge and is being denied. Besides which, any abuse towards a woman who already suffers from the general lack of respect we have towards women in any society puts her at a much greater risk of psychological harm. Men are used to violence in a way from their childhoods and the male propensity of it whereas women need protection and do not generally abuse if treated with respect. Your testimony is not common sister.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/8 10:53

Greetings Brenda

I have looked into this subject and have to disagree with you, there are many women who abuse their husbands. Men are not always the abuser, women are as well. If a christian man is attacked by his wife and refuses to fight back it matters little how strong he is... My own mother could fly into a rage at times, in fact on one occasion she held a gun to my father's head and threatened to kill him. Abuse happens because of sin in the world.

I followed rainydaygirl's advice and did a simple google search of, "husband abuse" here is the very top link that came up, if anyone is interested. I don't endorse the site but did find the article and responses written interesting.

<http://marriagemissions.com/husband-abuse-can-a-wife-abuse-her-husband/>

I realize women are abused no one is deny this, but sister there there are many men who love and care about their sisters in CHRIST and there are many women who are just as vulnerable to the sin and temptation of anger and being an abuser as men are. There are many kinds of hurts, and abuse that we as fallen people can inflict on one another. perhaps in all of this we can learn that it is not an us against them mentality so much as all of us have a need for CHRIST in our lives.

God bless
maryjane

Re: , on: 2014/7/8 11:13

MJ

There is lot of false information, put out there by the Fathers For Justice or whatever it is called. They are very aggressive. The fact is that the Criminal Law Society is very biased against women and increasingly in the U S, women are losing custody of their children and the fathers are moving interstate. There is more to this than meets the eye. I have been in a refuge and learnt a lot I had no idea about.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/8 11:23

Krautrau

You seem to want to make this an us vs them kind of thing. Not sure why... All I am saying is abuse happens both ways and it is sin and wrong. I have been through a lot as well, and I know first hand what the enemy can do to a marriage and what sin and selfish living can do. All I am saying is maybe its time to stop blaming and start forgiving, loving, and seeking GOD on behalf of those who are lost. You I am sure, are praying for soulwon, may I respectfully ask you, have you prayed for her husband? You do not have to answer that in the forum, just something to consider.

I appreciate the testimony rainydaygirl shared. I know what she shared is true and does happen. I have seen it before in my own life as well.

God bless
mj

Re: , on: 2014/7/8 11:53

MaryJane

There is an explosion going on in the world, of mistreatment of women increasing. There have been surveys done amongst young women showing their increasing expectation of abuse from their boyfriends. Some blame the increasing violent lyrics in certain types of modern music but there is also the belief that a lot of this so called abuse of men information, is being propagated by the Fathers For Justice campaign and not to be believed.

It is the easiest thing in the world, to have the abuse of women ignored by claiming that it is not a gender thing and we are all doing it to each other so we might as well take no notice of it.

As usual the church is the last to see what is going on in the society around them, look at Nazi Germany.

This is a serious matter.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/8 12:37

krautfrau wrote:It is the easiest thing in the world, to have the abuse of women ignored by claiming that it is not a gender thing and we are all doing it to each other so we might as well take no notice of it.

I have not said that abuse is not happening, I have not said that it should be ignored. I did not say that no one should take no notice of it. I said we need to be in prayer for these people. Yes people are hurting each other and no matter who is doing the hurting it is sin...is a man some how less deserving of forgiveness if he calls his wife a name? Is a man less deserving of our prayers and support because there are fewer men who are abused than women? Shouldn't we be praying for both the victims(no matter what their sex) and the abuser to find GOD and repent. Shouldn't our heart be to love people and see them saved??

One can notice the hurts and sorrows and acknowledge there is a real problem and still pray for those who are lost. I have found unforgiveness doesn't hurt the other person so much as it destroys me.

God bless
Mj

Edited post

Re: husband abuse - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/7/9 0:00

Sister Rdg, I totally agree with you. It takes 2 hands to clap, similarly it takes effort from both Husband and wife to lead a happy married life.

Women think they are weaker and many women have this attitude in them to dominate their husband and show others how powerful they are though they are created weak. I have witnessed the same in my own mother. I know how it damaged my family. I have seen the same in more families in India. I have seen the case of husbands abusing the wife as well, but I have seen more cases of wives running the family by dominating their husbands and not submitting to them and therefore by ruining the house.

Women have a craving for dominance in them because they think they are physically weak. They want to prove the opposite. Suppose someone tells you that you can do a task then there is a desire in us to prove them wrong. This is exactly true with most of the women. I have been working in Cooperate for over 9 years and I would say it is most difficult thing to work under a women manager than men. When given responsibility women try to micromanage and try to show their authority over others. There are also men who do it but all most all women managers I have seen so far have been micro managers. I have discussed the same with many of my colleagues and also my seniors, even they agree that the toughest managers they worked under who made their life hell are women managers.

That is why God wisely do not give authority to women either in Church or home.

Like the other poster here many think only Physical abuse is greater and emotional abuse that a women can do to her husband is minor. Not true. I try my best by God's grace to love my wife. But I have witnessed mood swings in my wife in which she has emotionally hurt me so many times. I used to wonder why women alone have so many excuses like mood swings ? I would tell you without God's grace it is impossible to love wife if anyone knows what true love is.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2014/7/9 7:43

Sree, You right on target.

One reason females have mood swings because of hormones. Our bodies are more complex than males because we are given the equipment to produce and child, nurture it for nine months. This complexity plays into mood swings. Weather also plays an important part.

I have mood swings but with the Holy Spirit indwelling, being aware of it, do work to not allow it to control my emotions, o

react on my feelings. This is why I am very skeptical when I heard scripture interpreted on the basis of "I feel this way or that about..." because I know how fickle feelings are. One day you feel so bad - "nobody loves me so I'll go eat worms" - and a day or so later to thinking you are on top of the world.

I am so glad for the leadership of males who can keep some balance in society. If the world only contained males it would be a sorry world; if it only contained females, it would be a sorry world, still. God made us different to balance out each other's weaknesses. God was very wise in creating males and females. I like it. (Got five men to love - one husband and four sons - am I not privileged??!! you bet! Got eight grandsons as well. I thoroughly enjoy our adult boys - now men, all married. :-))

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/7/9 7:46

sree

thanks for sharing your story and experiences. i know husbands are abused too. some don't think it is abuse because men are stronger, but it is because many men who are christian will not fight back when women attack them. i know many times i hurt my husband very deeply with my words. it hurts me now just to think that i said those things and acted as i did but i know there is forgiveness in Jesus. it helps me to that my husband never throws my past sin up at me. when he said he forgave me he let it go and we have been moving forward ever since. i have noticed it is my experience that women can tend to hold on to hurts and wrongs for a very long time. i have also noticed that women talk about past injuries more even though they say they have forgiven the person who hurt them. i had asked in another thread about what true forgiveness really is and got some great answers. i am also seeing that my husbands example is one i want to follow. he loves me and has forgiven me, he doesn't keep reminding me over and over about my past sin, or the way i hurt him.

of course i know men can be just as unforgiving as anyone else, just sharing what my experience as been.

rdg

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2014/7/9 7:48

rdg, you have a wonderful example of forgiveness in action in your husband. You are blessed. This is something all can earn from. He is taking the lead in demonstrating forgiveness.

Thanks for the testimony.

Sandra

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2014/7/9 10:15

The Holy Spirit admonishes Christian husbands to not be "bitter" toward their wives, and to honor them by remembering that they are the weaker vessel. I do not believe God is referring to physical strength. Women are simply designed differently from men. Though the souls of men and women are salvifically equal in Christ, and there is no distinction between the two under the blood of the New Covenant, on earth behaviourally men and women differ tremendously and special care must be taken in matters of practical relation.

For instance, a wife will often read into something her husband said and interpret it as an attack, when in reality there was no ill motive on his part. This is natural. God created us to see things in a different light; marriage is about learning to work together as one flesh to use both our attributes and gifts to the glory of God and the edification of our family and children. Men usually see things resolutely, and are able to make quick decisions (poor or wise is irrelevant), whereas women are more indecisive by nature (which is why it can take my wife three hours to pick out a pair of shoes for my son, and I just grab the first pair I see).

If my wife is in a foul mood when I come home from work (because of the children being disobedient), she might make a cutting remark at me at the personal level. It hurts. But if I were to say the same thing back to her, she probably wouldn't talk to me for a week and hold it against me for years. That's just how it is. In these moments of injustice, when I am tempted to fire back, I am reminded to "not be bitter" against her. She is weaker than I am in this regard (but stronger than me in other areas), and I must be the first to forgive and render honor to her in this regard. Christian men have equal faults, but these abuses and faults are usually placed elsewhere. I think of how offensive I can be in God's eyes, of how impatient I can be with the kids, how selfish, how dismissive of my wife's needs, and how God never "fires back" and gives me what I deserve. We are to love our wives as Christ loves his church. As we who have been "called out" submit to God

d, we are transformed more and more into Christ's likeness; so the same when husbands submit to the precepts of scripture pertaining to marriage they become transformed, God in turn transforms the wives. It is very slow, but the abuse will gradually decrease as God begins giving her light on how she might be hurting her husband (and vice versa when we neglect her needs). Yes, the Lord uses marriage to break us individually and then build us back up together as a single unit as a testament to His glory, mercy, and grace.

Re: Thank you Paul! - posted by Sidewalk (), on: 2014/7/9 11:45

So well written, and so true.

I have been on this marriage adventure for 47 years, and if there is one thing I have learned... well, maybe more than one thing, but this one stands out- is that I have to practice humility or I am literally dead!

My wife has wonderful qualities, is hard working, fanatically loyal, wise in all matters of homemaking, health, law, money, the scriptures, and home decorating. But one wrong word from me and she can collapse in tears and depression. The one thing I seem unable to learn is how to keep from ever doing or saying things that hurt her!

I am a man of God, there are many who assure me of this with "thank you's" and other praise. This is a great blessing for me. But being married, happily I must quickly add, keeps all this in good perspective that I am just another sinner saved by grace, a man in constant need of fresh wisdom in the Holy Spirit, easily able to be wrong and deceived.

What an amazing tool marriage is to shape and craft His servants into the image of The Son. The chipping and scraping painful at times, but the work of art on the other end will be well worth the price!

Re: - posted by yuehan, on: 2014/7/9 12:15

There has been mention of seemingly intrinsic differences between men and women. Perhaps not far from the usual gender stereotypes when it comes to emotional make-up, behavioural responses, approach to life...

Is there any scriptural basis for such views on gender differences?

The only verse that I'm aware of is 1 Peter 3:7 - "Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel..." (I'm not fully sure what "weaker" alludes to here, I've always interpreted it as referring to physical strength).

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2014/7/9 13:06

Thanks brethren for this positive note on this volatile issue. The longer I think about it the more I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the devil works to exploit the differences between males and females to undermine the blessings we can bring to each other.

We have all sinned and come short of the GLORY OF GOD! All of us, no exceptions. All of us need redemption and the flesh will resist this. All saints are a work in process - if you do not believe it read the history of God's people in the Bible.

And...gender bashing only plays into the hands of the arch enemy of our souls.

QUOTE:

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...except when he hurts himself a little...:-)

God bless all of you.

Sandra

Re: , on: 2014/7/9 13:24

Quote:
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Yes I agree with this. Women in Christ, are no more likely to sin than men, and are not spiritually, emotionally or intellectually weaker than men. Women are as able to be led by the Spirit as men, and in doing so, able to overcome any weakness of the flesh. It is easy to see the faults of ones spouse as a gender problem when it is really a problem in the relationship. For example from brother Paul:

Quote:
-----For instance, a wife will often read into something her husband said and interpret it as an attack, when in reality there was no ill motive on his part. My wife is in a foul mood when I come home from work

It is very common for women to feel that they are not valued or appreciated because in fact very often, they are not. In this case they will be sensitive and overreact to slights. Of course in an ideal situation, both parties will be walking in the Spirit enough to not be upsetting each other, but if not, then they should be aware that these things are a sign that there is work to be done in the marriage, and all is not well.

I believe that weaker vessel is referring to the lesser strength of the woman and also the need for her to be protected by her husband. Many women and they say it is one out of ten, has been sexually abused as a young girl, and a lot more have been subject to sexual harassment of various sorts. A man is to protect her and accept that his wife has more often than not been subject to damage that he has most likely not been exposed to and will require some time of healing, in a close loving marriage, but with sacrificial love from her husband, she will heal.

Sree, you are living in one of the worst countries in the world for the mistreatment of women. I don't know why people on this site want to deny the extent of female abuse. The church needs to accept its role in this.

Re: - posted by dfella (), on: 2014/7/9 13:52

God created man first then the woman therefore giving the man preeminence over the woman.

Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. 1 Timothy 2:12-14

For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.

Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. 1 Corinthians 11:9,10

There is a hierarchy in Gods creation as far as submission. God first, Christ second, man third, and woman fourth.

But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. 1 Corinthians 11:3

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.
Ephesians 5:22-24

As far as the weaker vessel pertaining to physical strength this is partly true but I believe it to mean that women are more susceptible to temptation and deception.

I believe there is peace, contentment, and joy for both man and woman in Christ Jesus in their God given roll.

Just some thoughts.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2014/7/9 13:52

Quote:
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God engineered men and women to be distinctly different from each other, which holds true in every culture, tribe and tongue. I submit this is a good thing and it was done deliberately in the infinite wisdom of our Creator. Now, both man and woman have been effected by the fall and as a result have corrupted natures where these "differences" can be manipulated by emotion, stress, fatigue, etc. and used to clash against each other detrimentally. Satan is a master instigator and he knows how to wire a husband against a wife and a wife against a husband.

Scripture tells us one of the consequences of sin between the first husband and wife was henceforth for Eve to ever seek to please her husband, Adam. This is a marked gender difference, that can easily come under acquisition from the enemy. When a wife thinks her "pleasing" of her husband is under appreciated by him (watching after the kids, all the house work she does, keeping her figure attractive, sacrificing her own career to be a stay-at-home mom, etc.) and is being taken for granted, she can become spiteful and rightfully embittered. The home can turn into a warzone. This is why I ever return back to what I feel is the proper interpretation of the verse in Peter about the "weakness" of the woman being emotional rather than physical. The "dwelling" with our wives according to honor shouldn't have anything to do with their exterior strength, for such a surface, shallow concept is totally incongruous with the rest of the New Testament. We are speaking of spiritual things.

Personally, I find great comfort in the light God has given me on these verses. It humbles me, especially when I compare it to God's own compassionate reckoning of myself, in his own understanding that I am dust.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/7/9 14:28

Just thought I'd quickly point out that it's obvious women tend to be much more emotionally weak than men. A woman will break down and cry much more easily than men on account of emotional pain. This is obvious especially to those of us who are married lol.

Re: , on: 2014/7/9 14:32

Rubbish. I never cry nor ever have and am very analytical.

Maybe it is your behaviour?

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/7/9 14:51

Krautfau, you don't know me nor my situation. Maybe you are a rare exception among women for whatever reason. Lesbians would also be an exception because of how they have trained themselves to be tough like men.

Re: , on: 2014/7/9 14:56

You say that women cry a lot more than men, and I am telling you that you are wrong, and I am not a lesbian and don't like the implication. I don't think that I am a rare exception.

Just like to break down a few stereotypes. `A woman who does not cry is tough?

Quote:
-----This is obvious especially to those of us who are married lol.

Not funny.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/7/9 15:06

Rainydaygirl, thank you for sharing. Your OP really resonated with me and my situation. I know I'm far from perfect but I know the Lord convicts me when I react sinfully to abusive behavior. And I know there is a world of difference between a saved godly woman and an unsaved woman who has only an outward form of religion and a heart far from God. I am thankful for the Lord's sanctifying work in my home and know I need not despair but keep praying and trusting for the Lord to continue working out His will.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/7/9 15:19

krautfrau, I did not mean to imply you are a lesbian. I only meant to point out that lesbianism is another exception.

Re: , on: 2014/7/9 15:21

Okay thank you.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/9 15:39

Krautfrau

I am also a woman and I do cry very easily. There are many, many, many women who have no issue admitting that they cry easily. There is no shame in shedding tears, unless they are being used as a tool to manipulate another.

Again I don't understand your defensiveness. Women are more emotional than men, we do cry more easily, we also love very deeply that is why JESUS instructs husbands to watch out for us.

I use to think I had to be tough all the time. There was a time when I didn't cry at all. I watched my mom get hurt by my dad. He cheated on her, he treated her like she didn't matter and I use to think I was never going to be like my mom and let some man walk all over me....but I learned the hard way I was in sin with that attitude of mine. I was sinning against JESUS by being someone other than who HE created me to be. Women are to submit to their husbands, and we are weaker. I had two choices, I could continue on in sin against the LORD or I could stop rebelling, die to self, and start learning what it really meant to be a loving wife. I chose JESUS way.

GOD did make men and woman different, it's the enemy that feeds us the lie that tells us we have to be strong and just like a man. I praise GOD and give thanks that I don't have to be, I can be soft, I can be nurturing, caring, loving, and a servant. I am thankful I can be a woman just as HE created me to be.

God bless
maryjane

Re: , on: 2014/7/9 15:54

MJ

Being emotional does not equate to crying easily. I feel things deeply but would consider it manipulative to cry in front of others. I could shed a few tears on my own and should have specified this. Emotions can be controlled. It is a cultural thing. It is fashionable to cry easily at present.

I do agree that some women have problems divorcing their feeling from their thoughts but as I said I am not one of them. I am caring and loving and nurturing but that does not have to go with crying.

I am not defensive, but I feel strongly that the church needs to accept its part in misogyny in society and in the church too and will speak out against stereotyping. We are different yes but not the way we are being portrayed and treated. We were made equal and to be helpmates not shut out in the church like we have been. For example where are the female helpers with Bible translation to get the female aspect?

Interesting that this is called tough even by women (brainwashed ones)

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/7/9 15:58

Amen MaryJane, well said. You wrote, "There is no shame in shedding tears, unless they are being used as a tool to manipulate another."

Totally agreed. And I have seen far too often the manipulative side of this. Please excuse my bluntness but I'd compare it to a child who cries for wrong selfish reasons because he/she cannot get a new toy or something.

I know I've been at fault at times in provoking a situation but for the most part, God is my witness, it's been a sinful reaction to abusive behavior, to manipulation, lies and mistreatment for no reason.

I have gone through hell and back in my marriage, even adultery, and the only thing that has kept me from getting a divorce is the grace of God at work in my heart and life. As I type this there are tears welling up as I think of my kids who more than once have been on the verge of suffering a divorce.

Part of it is my own fault because I was not careful about being unequally yoked as a younger believer. That's why I always exhort young Christian brothers, be very careful who you marry. You don't want to end up unequally yoked because it will be hell on earth. Trust me. But God's grace is still sufficient and there's nothing too hard for Him.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/9 16:06

Krautfrau

Thank you for clarifying. I agree women can shed tears to manipulate and get their way. That is sin to be sure. Crying in and of itself though is not sin. I do not feel it is wrong to cry if I feel moved to by the LORD and I know many women who will tell you they feel the same way.

You wrote: For example where are the female helpers with Bible translation to get the female aspect?

Why do we need the female aspect? What is wrong with the translations we have. The HOLY SPIRIT gave these words to men in the first place and they were shared to both men and women from then on. GOD has given us very clear teaching on a woman's role in the family, as well as in the body...But I don't want to go off topic and hijack this thread so I will leave it there.

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/7/9 16:14

Yes, women are generally more sensitive emotionally than men, and sometimes too sensitive, and men are sometimes not understanding nor patient enough and need to work at that.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/7/9 17:34

In all fairness to women I do want to add that men can be too sensitive as well and read into things wrongly. Indeed, we are all sinful creatures in desperate need of God's redeeming and sanctifying grace.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/7/9 17:46

Oracio

I think you make a good point. It's not man/ woman
Issue so much as a people issue. We are all sinners
In need of JESUS.

God bless
Mj

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/10 3:32

i remeber when i was baptised by the holy spirit ,and the severn monthes leding to that i cryed all the time every day for seven monthes i yerned so hard for more of god and was so thankfull for his presence and his grace ,, i pray that i woul d revile those day crying for joy crying for ,,well words fail why just crying becасue of god

i loved it ,,i fell we dont cry becасue our hearts are a littel hardend ,,there something wrong ,,when reveil comes ,,we will cry and cry

i remeber cry with joy and laughing for 45 minutes one time ,,the you was inexpilcable ,,i cant decribe the joy of have g ood join be for breakfast that day at my table its making me cry now ,and make me yern for him again,,it reminds me of when jesus said he stands at the door and knocks ,,he will come in to him and sup with me

i was saying thank you for my bacon and eggs and stared to eat ,,but god came into the room with me and filled me wit h his love i even had a mouth full of food ,, i just stoped eating, mangaed to swallow my food ,,and totaly ejoyed the bre ad of life that day

i must be girl becасue i love to cry with god weather it is greif or joy or indignation or grtatude ,,it is when i feel some of the closests times with jesus

Re: , on: 2014/7/10 3:40

MaryJane wrote:

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I will give two examples but there are many.

Concerning lust, I don't know about other women, but I can look at a well toned and tanned young male body in a swims uit and admire it without the slightest thought about having sex with the model. So I just don't get it about men complaini ng about scantily clad females inflaming sexual fantasies instead of them purely inspiring admiration for the female form.

When we look in our Bibles however, there seems to be an enormous emphasis on sexual sins and lust, whereas for me and I think for many women, lust is hardly an issue. We are weak regarding other sins like being passive and manipulati ve for example. It is like the Bible has been written so far as this issue is concerned, for only half of mankind.

Also, the Hebrew word cha-yil, is invariably translated to mean valour and strength and various other descriptions when i t is referring to a male, yet when it is used for a female as in Ruth 3.11 and in Proverbs for example, it is translated as 'v irtuous', summing up one moral characteristic as though women cannot be strong and valiant etc and men are not expe cted to be chaste, and that chastity is the only quality of worth in a woman.

Re: , on: 2014/7/10 3:47

brothergary

I am also brought to a few tears to the eyes at times of spiritual closeness to the Lord and on hearing the music of J. S. Bach for example.

I wonder whether what we are talking about is what is known as bawling? I can feel emotions well up in me yet not have to bawl. I think that we are discussing a cultural thing here as I have noticed that Americans do tend to express themselves much more freely in this way but it is wrong to say that other nations are hard because they control it as it is not so acceptable to demonstrate such behaviour in public. Look at news items from many countries and you will see people in the midst of great grief, holding back their tears with dignity.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/10 4:05

for me it was bawling ,,but this really has nothing to do with my culture ,,being and Australian male we are fighters drinkers and never let any one see you cry it is a weakness and only sisys cry we are tough over here ,,but when God's presence came to me it melted that tough pounce you in face identification many of us have here ,,when I say that I release most cultures have that brute force type blokey guys ,especial in the building industry

the harder our heart is the less we will cry that has been my experience with me and when I look to all the tough nuts I knew ,,crying wasn't an option ,it was what girls and nerds do ,not men ,, real men go syko angry when they're upset and put our heads and fists through walls and doors

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/7/10 7:43

thanks to those who posted replies, spousal abuse, no matter if it is the husband or the wife is a terrible problem that will destroy a marriage. Society and the world have tried to tear down the differences between men and woman that God himself put into place. until those who are walking with the Lord repent and truly want to live for Jesus this problem that is destroying so many marriages will not end. there are no excuses for sin, when a wife abuses her husband she is just as wrong and guilty as a husband is who abuses his wife.

rdg

Re: husband abuse, on: 2014/7/11 6:02

Quote:
-----i was reading through one of the posts on the other thread on the topic of a unloved wife, and it brought to mind some issues in my own life that I wanted to put up for discussion. as a wife who abused her husband until the LORD got a hold of my heart, I just wanted to say anger is not limited to the male of the human race. there are plenty of women who verbal, emotionally, and physically abuse their husband. no I was not nuts, or on drugs, no I did not use alcohol, I just always wanted to be in control, I wanted to run things my way and when my husband did not do exactly as I wanted I used all manner of sinful behavior to attack him. I manipulated, I lied, I called names(terrible names)I nagged, and harassed him. I have repented and my husband has forgiven me and our marriage has been healed but in those years he dealt with a lot from me. what is most amazing to me is my husband never once brings up my past horrible treatment of him. he never reminds me of who that angry person I was before Jesus got a hold of me.

I did a google search of husband abuse and found the very first of many links that came up interesting to read. abuse happens to both men and women in marriages, it's a fallen world. we all need Jesus.

in writing this thread I just wanted to open up the discussion about husband abuse. if a marriage is going to be saved and healed then both husband and wife need Jesus in their lives.

rainydaygirl

The discussion you referred to was about physical abuse towards men which I said was unlikely to occur in a sane sober woman. Nobody has been arguing whether women abuse men in other ways and behave as badly as men. We know that. If indeed you did physically abuse your husband then that does not disprove what I said. For example you may have mental health problems and be in denial still or you might be one of a few. When I spent time in a shelter, I read many reports on the issue.

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/7/11 7:46

brenda

in response to what you wrote here, "The discussion you referred to was about physical abuse towards men which I said was unlikely to occur in a sane sober woman. Nobody has been arguing whether women abuse men in other ways and behave as badly as men. We know this. If indeed you did physically abuse your husband then that does not disprove what I said. For example you may have mental health problems and be in denial still or you might be one of a few. When I spent time in a shelter, I read many reports on the issue."

i do not have mental illness and i am not in denial. i was in sin because i was not saved at the time when i treated my husband as i did. it is something i have repented of and been forgiven for by him. so please do not imply things about me in the forum that are not true.

i have heard from other women who have shared similar stories to mine here in the united states. i know and have read much up on this as well.

rdg

Re: , on: 2014/7/11 7:48

I do apologize, I did not mean to say you had mental illness, but I have never heard of women who beat up their husbands. Maybe a pinch or something, yet I have heard of thousands of men who have beaten up women. If you find one or two that does not disprove my point.

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/7/11 8:04

i accept your apology.

abuse is sin, no matter who is doing it. it is an issue the church needs to address just like many other issues with sin that needs to be addressed. i agree with you on that, but it's not a man vs woman deal, it's a sin issue. not sure what more there is to say on the topic at this point.

rdg

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/11 18:13

it happens all the time in australia krautfra... my aunty was like that,, she beat her husband her brother ,, me ,,kicked me in the never regions she did ,,she abused many men ,,when she was drunk

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/11 18:20

my wife said in her work 35 percent of the men in her groups here physically abused ,,that is out of 90 men per day in her groups ,,some of this abuse was very serious ,,

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/11 18:24

and she estimated from memory that only half were on drugs or drunk

where do you live brenda ,,sonds like ya living in a nice bubble if your not at all aware of this ,,i dont think australia would be any worse then usa

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/11 18:26

brenada you cant think that becasue you spent time in a shelter ,,that you gona get a correct statistical estimation of a situation

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2014/7/11 18:33

Brenda, My husband's step-grandmother abused her husband - my husband's grandfather - in every sense of the word. And she was very religious. I never heard she repented, either. She also abused husband #1. Some even wonder if she did not kill him because he died in a gun 'accident'. This is not an isolated incident - there are others.

Mentally ill? If one wants to deny the reality of sin you would call it mental illness, I suppose. But it is not consistent to suggest that if females abuse they are the ones with the mental illness but then say the men are not when they abuse women.

Regardless what you call it, sin is sin regardless who commits it and Jesus came to redeem all. To suggest it an illness gives it a feel of requiring psychiatric help to overcome it. And I am not sure that even the psychiatrists will say they can bring about sustained 'healing'.

Re: , on: 2014/7/12 5:22

Brothers and sisters,

Can't you see the inconsistency when you insist that men and women are different (which they are - very different indeed) and then fail to accept that they each sin for very different reasons, and don't have the exact same sin patterns.

It is a fact that in the vast majority of what is called Intimate Abuse rather than Domestic Violence, the perpetrator is a man and in cases of severe violence requiring hospital admission, the rate of male abusers skyrockets.

It is also a fact that alcohol and mental illness is a significant factor in a lot of cases of both sexes.

I am not denying that women do physically abuse men, of course they do, and I don't see the need to quote individual cases, as we just do not know anyone else so well as to deny that the person could suffer from transitional mental illness at the time. I know that PMS could possibly come under that category for possibly a huge number of women, and I know myself that at such times, my anger levels could have become on the edge of control ability.

But my point was that a woman taking the risk of retaliation from someone so much stronger than herself, is surely not in her right mind. No sane man would take on someone much, much stronger.

To do what you are all doing here, that is to say that both sexes do it therefore a special case cannot be made for women to be especially protected is to me, madness when the statistics show that women are indeed in greater need of protection from the law.

And as I said, the reasons for the attacks are very much different between the sexes. With women it is most likely to be a display of temper that she cannot control, for whatever reason whereas for men, it is much more likely to be for control purposes, and in a highly dysfunctional insecure male, a way of destroying all self esteem in his partner so that she will not leave him as he will have convinced her that no-one else will have her. I have found this to be quite common in shelters, where someone has persuaded the woman to leave for the sake of the children.

Of course this problem has on the main, been much worse outside of the church though is increasingly becoming more common and 'pastor wife abuse' is now becoming heard of more frequently. I would like to point out that I said in the main, and ask that we do not have another set of examples to try to dismiss me.

<http://www.dovechristiancounseling.com/AbusedMinistersWives.html>

<http://www.ccel.us/hearttoheart.ch7.html>

<http://marriageemissions.com/terror-in-the-parsonage/>

There is a huge problem for women reporting abuse to their pastors as well. Many if not all of them will say as many of you have said that she should obey her husband and ask God to change him. I have read of many who have said that they did this and the abuse did not stop till eventually they did leave, but in the meantime, the children witnessed more and more damaging scenes. Is God going to change the husband that same day? No, so why let the children especially witness it after the first episode and the wife have more beatings?

A man who has lifted his hand to his wife just once, is hugely unlikely to stop unless there is intervention and any woman should leave the home for the sake of the whole family so that intervention and healing can take place.

Those who say she should stay, should have plenty of evidence to show that the husband does get changed by God, in every case, but why anyone would think that God acts against any person's will is beyond me.

Would people here agreeing with these ignorant pastors, take responsibility for any damage done because they were wrong? It is a hugely important issue involving lifelong damage to children and sometimes the wives. Men of course do suffer damage from women but as the situation is not life threatening from someone with the ability to turn and kill, and as there are no control issues in general (and not of the same type) the damage is much greater.

Gary my country is shown below my post count.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/12 6:18

brenda you just seem like you need to have the last say even when you are proven wrong ,,you cant admit it sister ,,,,and to imply that we are saying what we are not saying ,,and drawing implication by twisting what these sisters are saying to mean something else

"""""""" you said

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an example above

bringing up a woman retealing with violence ,as if this has anything to do with what is being spoken of here ,,is non sense ,,even so,, in many cases weapons are used for that reason by some woman,,becasue of strenght restrictions ,,,,this has nothing to do with the point that as being made by our grasious sisters

sister this is a biblical pattern that is being set forth by some verry wise experienced sisters ,,so i say show me the scripture that supports anything you said

these were showing what the bible says and were showing how they felt god led them in situations through biblical wisdom they lernt from the holy spirityou are living is a percetion bubble if you think woman cant and dont kill and mame by y retealations and and flat out attacks

the women who my wife worked with in jail ,,,,20 percent were there for murder or extremly vilent retelations or attacks on men

my wife will never forget ,,out of all the pedos ,and mudres, rapests ,,male and female ,,a womman accoring to her was like ted bundy ,,with a etraodanary evil presence of evil ..pure evil was her words ,she was not safe to be in the same room as her

brenda you are one of the reasons why i dismiss the holiness teaching of perfectionism „as false,, when i witness people like your self who are meant to be holy holy holy ,,but your conversation are stained with the above folly lacking humility and reading into to what people say and drawing false conclusions

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/7/12 6:26

with all respect to you as a female and a christian sister

what you wrote here shows your utter ignorance of the real world in which we live in and i find it almost impossible to believe that one can get to your matured age and say this

..... I do apologize, I did not mean to say you had mental illness, but I have never heard of women who beat up their husbands. Maybe a pinch or something, yet I have heard of thousands of men who have beaten up women. If you find one or two that does not disprove my point

to even try to convince someone of the truth of abuse ,,after reading this will be impossible

so i will bow out of this conversation ,and apologise to the original poster ,,and the others who posted ,that i may have whent a little of the original subject ,,may god bless us all

Re: , on: 2014/7/12 6:42

Gary

I have never met one nor heard of one who was not drunk or drugged or mentally ill. That is not to say that they exist, I just have not met one or personally know of one.

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/7/12 7:02

krautfrau

no one in this thread said anything about women staying when they are being abused and beaten. no one has denied the real sin issue of abuse. the only thing i said is that women can be just as guilty of abuse as men are because it is sin.

you seem to want to excuse women of their sin in these situations. that is not something i understand or agree with. in your post you said the reasons for abuse are different. you write as if women are not guilty of sin when they abuse a man ??? perhaps the excuses for abuse are different between men and women but in both cases of men and women who abuse the root of the matter is sin that motivates the heart to hurt another whether it be with words or actions. can you show me a place in the Bible where it says a woman is less guilty of sinning against another person just because she is the weaker vessel??

the numbers may not be as high for men but that doesn't mean it does not happen. that was the point to this thread is that abuse among men happens, that women increasingly can be the one guilty of abuse and that this is a sin issue that needs to be dealt in both sexes.

it seems by what you write that men are somehow always the bad guy no matter what and that women are always the victim, instead of seeing that violence in general is on the rise because of sin in this world. people need Jesus so there can be healing, and forgiveness and families and marriages restored.

rdg

Re: , on: 2014/7/12 7:18

rainy

I am not saying that with women, it is not a sin. It is. She chose to take that drink or drug and she chose to eat a bad diet that makes PMS worse.

But there is a great danger in thinking men abuse women, women abuse men so therefore they can sort it out and the women can defend themselves. Female abuse cannot be compared with male abuse, there are lots of differences and much more danger for a woman in a dysfunctional relationship, and the church turns a blind eye to this on the whole. Just look at the abuse ministries in the church, they will say the same thing.

It is not a campaign against men.

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/7/12 7:35

by krautfrau on 2014/7/12 7:18:21

rainy

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women can be angry and say and do things in anger just like a man without their being any of the issues you mentioned above. when women murder men how can there be more danger for her than him??? how does that make sense??

it's a sin issue for both sexes. people sin and in the end we all need Jesus. I think we can at least agree on that.

rdg

Re: , on: 2014/7/12 8:07

Sadly, rainy you keep missing the point.

I am talking about the much greater danger women are in when a relationship has got so bad that physical abuse occurs

It is not often that a husband is murdered by his wife but it happens, and I imagine that killing him in his sleep is a means of choice, or shooting him, but in general, a woman cannot overpower a man if he defends himself and of course if he attacks.

I am not talking about any other form of abuse which is of course committed by both sexes.

When there is physical abuse, there must be help for these women who are at much greater risk, not being physically able to defend herself.

Saying that men get physically abused just clouds the issue. So does saying we all need Jesus. Women in the church are coping with physical abuse and are told to stay put. This is the issue.

Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/7/12 8:24

krautfrau you said "Saying that men get physically abused just clouds the issue. So does saying we all need Jesus. Women in the church are coping with physical abuse and are told to stay put. This is the issue."

respectfully that is not the issue being discussed in this thread, never was. read the op again. this thread was me sharing my testimony here with others. and i give thanks to Jesus for showing me the sin i was in and for healing my marriage.

i think we are talking past each other at this point and there is little left to say. when you write that "saying people need Jesus clouds the issue." i have no response left. of course Jesus is the only option for men, women, and families being destroyed by abuse. there can be no other option or response to the sin that is destroying families.

rdg

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2014/7/12 9:22

Jesus is the only solution to the abuse problem where ever it occurs.

Brenda, you did not want any more examples to prove you wrong, but I will ignore that request and inform you that I can give you examples of wife abuse long before illicit drugs were common; alcohol was not used. You know what triggered it? Anger.

Anger so bad - uncontrolled anger that it carries within it the earmarks of the demonic. The demonic does not need any substance abuse to work and be operational.

In short - it is SIN. It begins by feeding annoyance and acting on it whereby it will grow and soon become out of control. This is not mental illness but anger at its worse. It will control a person where he/she seems to be out of control. Not mental illness but demonic.

I suspect that if one were to probe the perpetrator one would find residual sin that has never been dealt with, be it male or female. Sin will go underground and resurface as an apparent unrelated issue and cause irrational behaviors such as you find in Post Abortion Syndrome.

Now, maybe I will bow out of this discussion - I have said all I care to on this subject.

ginnyrose