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ISAIAH 61:1



HOW SHALL WE LIVE IN A DARK, SIN-STAINED WORLD?

Can you feel it? The Darkness. Without the presence of light, your vision only sees shadows. The images are distorted or blurry. It's in those times, you can almost feel the heaviness of darkness. In our sin-stained world, we are vulnerable to what is unseen. The battle is real.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” Ephesians 6:12

We know this is true. The persistent lingering evil that is human trafficking proves its ever-present danger.

At the Red Cord Freedom Gala on September 30th, Jenna Quinn shared her personal trafficking survivor experience. Even though she was from a loving home, she was lured into sex trafficking through a family friend she trusted in her Christian school. Only evil, insidiously working through a willing predator, can do such deep, dark harm to the unsuspecting.

Read Jenna's amazing story about battling the evil of sex trafficking.

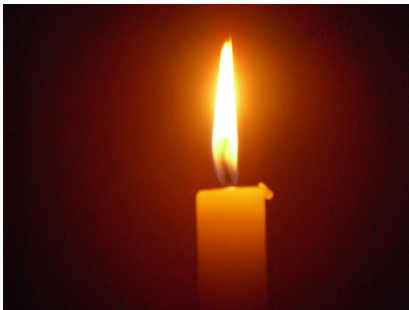
<https://jennaquinn.net/books>

And discover what her life is like today as she continues to overcome.

<https://jennaquinn.net/>

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What now? How should you Rise Up now that you know Jenna's story and also the stories from Jason and Kristin Weiss from The Demand Project presented at the Gala?

NEXT STEPS to Help You Rise Up in the Darkness

1. Prepare for the battle personally and collectively.

- **Pray often and specifically.** Use this month's prayer calendar. <https://theredcord.org/prayer/>
- **Learn how to prevent** the danger of human trafficking. Make this battle personal. Sign up for a Red Cord training today: <https://forms.gle/jGv4RuLP6PYVXmnH7>
- **Get more resources** to help lead your church. Read Jenna's book mentioned above as well as Ending Human Trafficking: A Handbook of strategies for the church today by Moore, Morgan and Yin? <https://amzn.to/3PSIUWf>

2. Give to provide resources to help the fight against human trafficking continue.

<https://secure.processdonation.org/theredcord/Donation.aspx?donationrefid=F98CJ6689698E>

3. Participate in the Piercing the Darkness Walk.

<https://theredcord.org/upcoming/>

Read The October Blog for more ways to Rise Up against the Darkness. <https://theredcord.org/blog/>



October 2023 Blog

Ahsha Morin, The Red Cord President

TALK. PRAY. FIGHT!



Thank you for attending and supporting our Red Cord Freedom Gala. We enjoyed our time gathering with our good friends, eating a delicious dinner and participating in the silent auction. Together we raised awareness and funding to Rise Up against the evil of human trafficking.

What do we do now? What can we do to make a real difference?

We begin simply to talk about it. Pray about it. Fight it.

Start in your own home.

·Pray about the areas of your life that could be allowing the darkness to come into your home. Please download and print the October prayer calendar and use it daily with your family.

<https://theredcord.org/prayer/>

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ahsha Morin".

We also offer you a “text to prayer” option available for you to receive via text on your phone. Whenever The Red Cord has a prayer request, we text our “prayer warriors” with the prayer need. Sign up for text to prayer on our website.

<https://verified-broadcast-9201-5jcrmm.twil.io/subscribe.html>

·Think about what and who has access to your kids in their bedroom through their phones. What is being watched on TV? Is pornography an issue in the home? What are the vulnerabilities within the family that could make family members more susceptible to being groomed by a trafficker? What protective measures and education are put in place, so family members are safe and know how to respond to a potential trafficker and the tactics of grooming?

What about in your church?

·Is your church educated about trafficking, pornography use, and online enticement/grooming?

Do you know what is happening in your community schools?

·Are your child’s school teachers educated? If not, then that is the first line of defense to fight the darkness of this crime. Kill it with knowledge!

Let’s take the Next Step together. You’re invited to join us for the Piercing the Darkness Walk, Saturday, October 14th, 8:00 – 9:00 pm at the Elmer Thomas Park in Lawton. Invite your friends to join you and Rise Up together.




Join Us for Our Next Event

Piercing The Darkness Walk

October 14th 8:00 P.M.

Elmer Thomas Park

Walk around the park, family friendly, pray for all those who are effected by human trafficking.



**Monthly Community Training,
Tuesday, October 17th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Fort Sill Federal Credit Union,
1614 NW 67th St, Lawton**

(Offered each month on the third Tuesday)