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How to Feed a Beast

It's an appetite that is never satisfied. It's raging out of control.

Pornography. It's an addiction that needs continuous feeding. To feed this giant appetite, more and more victims are needed in the industry. This is where pornography and sex trafficking intersect. This is why The Red Cord focuses on this topic every year.

Let's start at the beginning of the feeding frenzy. How are girls recruited into the porn industry? It begins with grooming and enticing women into the sex industry. Promises of wealth, happiness and fame are used to entice and keep girls in the trap of sex trafficking. Most girls are looking for a way out of their current situation and are vulnerable to the lure of sex traffickers. Sometimes the girl is already a victim of abuse in their homes. Or they are living in poverty. (Cont.)



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“Probably one of the most powerful factors that drives women into the sex industry is, as Donevan argues, childhood sexual abuse. Donevan found this to be “the most common precursor to prostitution, with studies finding that between 60-90% of prostituted persons have been subject to sexualized abuse in childhood.” Donevan points to a study by Grudzen that found that women in porn were three times more likely to have been victims of childhood sexual abuse compared to women who were not in porn.

<https://sharedhope.org/2021/11/01/pornography-trafficking-link/>

“Those taking part in watching porn, which they believe is something passive and private in their own home, do not know the background of the performers and are not educated on the very fact that many are being coerced or forced to act out these sexual scenes... A person viewing porn should ask themselves, “Would I view this if I knew that the performer was being forced or coerced to play this part?” <https://nbc-2.com/news/2021/01/12/heres-how-your-porn-habit-could-be-helping-human-sex-traffickers/>

A huge factor for porn addicts is that they do not recognize the girl in the photos or videos as a person of value. It makes it acceptable for them to keep on clicking on their devices and peering at image after image of people posing for the cameras. They do not consider those people as those who are made in the image of God.

How do we change a culture that devalues life? It is prominent in the abortion issue as well. All life is created by God. Scripture tells us:

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THE APPETITE OF THE CONSUMERS OF PORN WILL NOT CHANGE THEIR ADDICTION UNTIL THEY GRASP THE TRUTH THAT WHEN THEY CLICK A BUTTON ON THEIR DEVICE IN THE PRIVACY OF THEIR OWN HOMES, IT IS DIRECTLY DEVALUING THE LIFE OF A GIRL. IT COULD BE SOMEONE LIKE THEIR SISTER. THEIR FRIENDS. THEIR DAUGHTERS.

WE MAY NOT CAN CHANGE A CULTURE, BUT WE CAN OFFER SOLUTIONS TO TAME THE APPETITES. WE CAN:

- 1.OFFER A CHALLENGE TO PORN ADDICTS TO TURN OFF THEIR SITES FEEDING THEIR APPETITES FOR THIS ENTIRE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.
- 2.WE CAN ASK OUR CHURCH LEADERS, STUDENT MINISTERS, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TO ATTEND A RED CORD TRAINING. SEE INFO HERE:
- 3.WE CAN EXAMINE OUR OWN LIVES AND OFFER HOPE TO OTHERS:

“BE CAREFUL THEN...MAKE SURE THAT YOUR OWN HEARTS ARE NOT EVIL AND UNBELIEVING, TURNING YOU AWAY FROM THE LIVING GOD. YOU MUST WARN EACH OTHER EVERY DAY, SO THAT NONE OF YOU WILL BE DECEIVED BY SIN AND HARDENED AGAINST GOD.” (HEBREWS 3:12-13)

BE AWARE THAT SIN IS ATTRACTIVE AND DECEPTION IS ITS GOAL. IT’ THE SLOW FAD OF REBELLION THAT DECEIVES US AND HARDENS OUR HEARTS TO HIM. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO BE THE VOICE OF TRUTH FOR EACH OTHER. HOW DO WE STOP FEEDING THE BEAST OF PORNOGRAPHY AND SEX TRAFFICKING?

PLEASE READ THIS MONTH’S BLOG FOR SPECIFIC STEPS.



Ahsha Morin

Stop Feeding the Beast

Society implies that it is acceptable to engage in pornography. Yet, pornography doesn't represent "real sex." Research has found that pornography often depicts a power imbalance – control, degradation, and violence are usually directed at women by men. Mainstream pornography doesn't depict emotional intimacy. People have a disconnect from human dignity during porn watching. When someone watches porn it tells the producer (Pornhub, etc) to keep making more. Keep violating, raping, exploiting people for the viewer's pleasure. In reality, porn viewers do not know what is happening behind the screen. The majority of those in porn are human trafficking victims, not actors. Here is the connection -- By watching and increasing the demand for more porn to be made, it is not much different than purchasing a real human. The viewer could still be considered a "John." *

What do we do about it? TALK and get some help.

In the church: Pastors -- do not fear talking about it. The average age of a child being exposed to pornography right now is age 8 years old. It is not a matter of "if" but "when" they see it. Discuss the topic in a biblical way. The reality is, 1 in 4 youth pastors are addicted to porn and 1 in 5 pastors are addicted as well. Get some help immediately. It's your job to set a godly example.

In the home: Parents -- Discuss sex education at home, including pornography. Here are some resources for you:

<http://theredcord.org/get-help-hotlines/> Some parents watch porn regularly or are even addicted (1 in 5 women, and 1 in 4 men). Please seek help to stop watching now.

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Not everyone who watches porn will purchase a human for sexual pleasure. Yet, every person arrested or interviewed for purchasing sex or arrested for child porn, admits that they are addicted to a level they never thought possible. No one just wakes up one day and decides to purchase an adult or child for sex..... it's a slow fade. We have to stop feeding the beast.

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Uniting SW Oklahoma Against
Human Trafficking



Monthly Community Training,
Nov. 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Fort Sill Federal Credit Union,
1614 NW 67th St, Lawton

(Offered each month on the third Tuesday)