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The Elephant in the Room

Dear Pastor,

Recently I (Daniel) attended the Sexuality Integrity Leadership Summit to find ways we can help equip churches like yours on issues of sexuality. One of the largest issues in our churches today is sexuality; however, many pastors and churches do not feel equipped to address it. Psychology Today claims “more than 90 percent of young men report watching porn videos with some regularity.” This is definitely “the elephant in the room” today.

Last week we encouraged you to participate in a “Promote Marriage Sunday” during the month of June. One of the biggest internal issues facing marriages in our churches stems from the use of pornography. If you choose to celebrate biblical marriage this month the topic of sexual integrity may be worthwhile to mention.

In 2018, we partnered with Brushfires Foundation to produce research on how sexual issues are addressed in the church. Daniel Weiss, a Wisconsinite and Founder of Brushfires claims, “[s]exual issues too often are dealt with in secret or not at all.” Our collaborative research found that only 26% of pastors feel “very qualified” to deal with issues like pornography use by husbands.



Daniel Weiss speaking at the Sexual Integrity Leadership Summit

When sin is brought to the light, there is opportunity for restoration, healing, and freedom. Our hope is to resource you and your church with resources that can serve those in your church struggling with sexual brokenness.

Below are some potential resources you and your church could utilize (Wisconsin Family Council does not wholly endorse the entirety of viewpoints expressed in these resources. We urge reader discretion always, but we do believe these resources have some valuable and helpful information.)

- *The Healing Church* by Sam Black is a book that can help you provide an environment for sexual healing.
- Pure Desire Ministries provides resources for church small groups focusing on sexual integrity.
- Faithful & True provides 3-day workshop intensives for men struggling with pornography or infidelity, wives struggling with betrayal trauma, and couples working to reconcile their marriage.
- *Unburdened* by Michael Todd Wilson is a book directed toward Christian leaders and a path to sexual integrity.

Please let us know if your church needs other referrals for sexual integrity resources. Also, please let us know if your church hosts a sexual recovery group. Occasionally pastors ask us for referrals, and it'd be great to know if there's a group in their area.

In Christ,



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PS: Please take a few minutes to **pray** for our elected officials. We invite you to pray specifically this week for Representative Dora Drake (Milwaukee), Representative Cindi Duchow (Delafield), and Representative Paul Tittl (Manitowoc).

PPS: Speaking of Daniel Weiss... We will be having him for our next "Lunch with a Purpose" on Wednesday, June 28, from noon to 1 p.m. Daniel recently co-authored a book titled *Treading Boldly Through a Pornographic World: A Field Guide for Parents*. We hope you can join us as we look to resource you to help parents looking to equip their children to have a biblical sexual ethic. You can sign up at the link [HERE](#).