

the Venues

Go Deep

Reset: Love Does Not Abuse

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Do you know someone who has been in an abusive situation?

How did you come to know about the abuse?

What did you say in response to the person?

What did you do?

Read [Matthew 12:34](#)

What belief system do you think underlies an abusive act?

The teaching cited three research projects that concluded that “the main drivers of partner violence are gender related norms and hierarchies that shape relationships between men and women.”

What is your response to that conclusion?

_____ *Surprise?*

_____ *No surprise?*

_____ *That's B.S.*

_____ *I'd like more information on that.*

Read the following verses and describe the hierarchies and gender norms described: [Ephesians 5:22; 1 Timothy 2:11-14; 1 Corinthians 14:34-35](#).

Do these verses describe a cultural ethic or a timeless ethic from God?

How does your answer to the above question reflect or frame your view of Scripture?

Why do you think the church has a reputation of telling women to stay in abusive relationships?

What do you think Jesus would tell a woman who was in an abusive relationship?

Read [Micah 6:8](#) and create from it a response to domestic violence.