



# JUST FAITH SUMMIT

## 2018 JuST Faith Summit Workshop Descriptions

*Bethel University, St. Paul MN, June 20-22, 2018*

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### OPENING PLENARY

Wednesday evening, June 20

Welcome: Linda Smith

KEYNOTE speaker, Eric Metaxas

### PREVENT PLENARY

Thursday morning, June 21

#### **Roots of the Social Sexual Epidemic**

*Judith Reisman, PhD, Liberty University School of Law; Founder, Director-Child Protection Institute*

How did we get *HERE*? Attendees will learn how the "mad scientist" Alfred Kinsey began, and others ardently furthered, the decline that has led to today's sexual norms.

#### **Fighting for Restoration in a Pornified Culture**

*Edward Sumner, Director of Engagement, Rescue: Freedom*

Pornography fuels the demand for commercial sex and is impacting our communities in increasingly destructive ways. Bringing about sexual restoration in this current culture is a critical conversation if we are to end slavery in our lifetime. *(Introduction to following workshop)*

## **Contending for Cultural Transformation**

*Benjamin Nolot, CEO & Founder, Exodus Cry*

If we want to live in a world where people aren't sold for sex, then our hyper-sexualized society must be transformed—that is the only way to stop exploitation before it starts. What is the Christian's role in that transformation?

## **Disappointment with God**

*Lexie LaVallee, Survivor Leader*

Sexually exploited before she even reached her teens, Lexie tells her story and how she handled feeling that God had let her down. Everyone who has ever felt abandoned by God will be inspired by her story.

# **PREVENT WORKSHOPS**

## **Creating a Culture of Child Protection in the Church: Leaders Make the Difference**

*Rev. Mike Sloan, Director, Child Safeguarding Certification, GRACE*

Churches will struggle to effectively prevent child abuse until we address the culture of a safe church. Unless leaders grasp the dynamics of power and abuse, our policies and training will make little impact. In this workshop we will discuss practical steps church leaders must take to ensure policies and training are effective.

## **Why Men Solicit**

*Christopher Stollar, MJ, Demand Reduction Coordinator, She Has a Name*

While some women pay for sex, the fact is, most of that demand is coming from men. This class will explore studies that have focused on the connection between issues like pornography and prostitution. It will also offer 9 reasons why men solicit based on first-hand research conducted during a "John School" program in Ohio.

## **Wield Your Sword to End Commercial Sexual Exploitation-Engaging in Strip Club Outreach**

*Kjersti Bohrer, Founder and President, Beautiful & Loved, Inc.*

In this session you will be introduced to the psychology and business of working in a strip club. You will leave with tools you can use to help survivors of sexual trauma find freedom and end commercial sexual exploitation. Kjersti will share with you the single most powerful weapon God used to transform her from a woman in bondage to a warrior for God.

## **Building a Bridge of Hope**

*Danielle Freitag, LADC, Director, Action169, Survivor Advocate & Speaker; Corey Freitag, Co-founder, Action169*

Victory over a life of exploitation as seen through the eyes of a survivor and her husband highlights the power of a strong marriage based on faith. For Danielle and Corey that faith was the foundation for a bridge of hope from trauma to triumph. Danielle shares her moving

story of coming out of the industry to become a licensed professional and women's advocate. She encourages you to take action based on your own calling and credentials.

### **Open Doors Open Hearts: Pairing Faith Based and Private Agencies for Hope and Healing**

*Christa Hicks, LMHC, Executive Director, The Porch Light*

*Robyn Metcalf, MPA,MSW, Open Doors Statewide Director, Voices for Florida*

The love of Christ is the light that transforms lives of survivors of sex trafficking. The Porch Light partners with Voices for Florida to provide comprehensive direct care 24/7/365 to commercially sexual exploited children and young adults through a coordinated system of care and community engagement. Participants will learn the collective impact that collaborations between public-private agencies and faith based organizations offer.

### **Human Trafficking Became Her Intervention: A Case Study Presentation**

*Tawanda Spaulding, MFT, Professor, Florida Memorial University*

*Nicola Brown, MSW, Chief Partnership & Strategy Officer, Cultivate Connexion*

Teenagers who have already been exposed to sexual abuse and/or substance use, have a higher chance of running away and becoming re-victimized or being sexually exploited. Participants in this session will take an in-depth look into the life of a commercially sexually exploited child. The effects of adverse early childhood experiences and strategies for trauma informed interventions will be discussed.

### **How to Talk to Kids about Sex Trafficking and Sexual Abuse Prevention**

*Kim Spicer, MSP, Prevention Education Supervisor, Growing Strong Sexual Assault Center*

Learn how to plan and prepare what to say to your child or grandchild about body safety, grooming techniques used by traffickers and how to determine safe people. Learn how to be a safe person and maintain good boundaries as you prepare them for sexual abuse prevention and inform them about sex trafficking with age appropriate language. This needs to be an ongoing conversation with each child. You will learn how to present the uncomfortable topics with confidence and build trust with the child concerning these topics.

### **Teaching Kids How to Navigate the Internet Safely: Creating Internal Safeguards**

*Rick Walter, Retired Sheriff, Scott County Sheriff's Office*

*Shawn Wood, Community Outreach Specialist, House of Refuge*

We all shrink when we read a news article that begins with, "the predator reached out to the child through social media..." Rather than lock every electronic device in a safe, we must teach them how to safely navigate the world they live in. This workshop will share examples of traffickers' tactics and provide adults with practical how to's and tools to keep kids safe.

### **Fighting for Sexual Restoration in a Pornified Culture** *(continued from plenary)*

*Edward Sumner, Director of Engagement, Rescue: Freedom*

Workshop participants will:

- Learn the qualitative and quantitative impact pornography has on unhealthy sexual behavior

- Understand the connection between pornography and sex trafficking
- Discover new perspectives on how to approach sexual restoration
- Receive practical recommendations for pursuing sexual restoration at home, in church, in our work

### **Trafficked Boys: Bringing Male Victims out of the Shadows**

*Jerome Elam, Survivor Leader, President and CEO, Trafficking in America Task Force*

*Joe Martin, Pastor & Survivor Leader, Theology Forums, Tattooed Theist*

Male victims of sex trafficking have historically been an invisible population. Recent developments have begun to raise the curtain on the expansive number of young boys being sexually trafficked in this country. We will present strategies for the education and prevention of child sex trafficking and discuss alternatives for the after care and recovery of male victims.

## **RESTORE PLENARY**

**Thursday afternoon, June 21**

### **Survivor to Leader: Healing Through Faith and Forgiveness**

*Kelly Dore, National Human Trafficking Survivor Coalition*

How do religion and experience in childhood affect spiritual experience into adulthood? Kelly provides a personal glimpse into her life as a survivor of sex trafficking by a family member--how it has shaped her in her roles as a wife, mother, elected official and advocate. She shares her powerful experience of participating in the prosecution of her trafficker(s).

### **How My Faith Restored Me**

*Rebecca Bender, CEO & Founder, Rebecca Bender Initiatives, Survivor Leader*

How do followers of Jesus come alongside exploited persons trying to put their lives back together? How do we help them to a place of transformation and restoration that only God can sustain? Rebecca shares how she relied on everyday church members to walk her through her journey of restoration. You will be encouraged to learn that you can be used by God to be a change agent in the lives of the exploited.

### **Founding an Organization to Help Survivors**

*Vednita Carter, Founder, Breaking Free*

As a survivor herself and one of the first to provide services to survivors, Vednita relates what motivated her to start that journey.

## **The Struggle is Real: Messy Grace**

*Caleb Kaltenbach, Author, Speaker, Pastor, Teacher*

When he was a toddler, Caleb's parents divorced and independently came out as a gay man and a lesbian. As a result, Caleb was lovingly raised in the LGBT community...and experienced hatred and bitterness from Christians. Then to his enduring surprise and consternation of his parents, Caleb became a Christian and a pastor as a young adult. He invites listeners into what may be the most urgent and difficult conversation evangelical Christians face today.

## **RESTORE WORKSHOPS**

### **Engage: Multiple Ways to Join the Fight Against Sex Trafficking—2 parts**

Understanding that sex trafficking happens today in our communities is just the beginning. There are so many ways churches and individuals can engage to make a difference! And yet, it can be challenging to navigate and difficult to understand how to join this growing movement to end sex trafficking. This 2-part workshop will explore the scope of engagement opportunities available to churches and individuals.

***Part 1:** Sarah Batley, MA, Director of Church & Community Engagement, Araminta Freedom Initiative*

Araminta Freedom Initiative Awakens, Equips and Mobilizes the Church to walk alongside survivors in restorative community. Learn how they utilize the Church and volunteers to surround survivors through their direct Community Based Services. You will learn about Araminta's mentor/mentee training and program, as well as Open Table, an innovative program that enables a church to surround a survivor with the support needed.

***Part 2:** Christine Erickson, Director, Children-at-Risk "OneLess" Ministry Grace Church*

The church can be mobilized to engage in adoption, foster care or temporary hosting for at-risk children. Grace Church's outreach programs offer camps for children that fall within the "at-risk" category and programs for teen moms that are highly vulnerable to exploitation. Learn how these connections are made, and the importance of a strong underpinning of a prayer network.

### **Is it Behavior or Trauma? How to Help Survivors Without Triggering**

*Niki Cross, President, Founder, STAAR Ministry*

Drawing from her own experience as a victim Nikki is often called in to converse with recovered victims that won't talk or cooperate. She lets them know that she truly understands and builds rapport slowly by supporting, talking and getting the wrap around services needed. She is well known for removing the "You Don't Understand" card from the table which has helped prosecutors sentence multiple cases by helping victims understand the necessity of prosecution.

### **So You're the Parent of a Victim**

*Rebekah Charleston, Executive Director, Valiant Hearts*

Families often go overlooked when victims of exploitation are recovered. Who is assisting them in their grief and distress about the role they may have played in their child's vulnerability? Rebekah will address these issues in her own story and relate how Valiant Hearts is helping other families. This workshop will demonstrate the best response to alarming signs that their child may be experiencing exploitation and what the family will need from their faith community.

### **Looking at Your Church from a Survivor's Perspective**

*Lucy Bloom, Successor Executive Director, Veronica's Voice*

*Amy Engle, MS MFT, Therapist at Thrive Therapy; CSEC Consultant, Trainer*

Participants will hear from two survivor leaders regarding the dynamics of spiritual abuse in trafficking, how the faith community can be helpful, but also how it can cause unintentional harm to a survivor. Based on their own experiences, Lucy and Amy will share how services that churches provide can be made more sensitive and welcoming to survivors and their families.

### **The Survivor's Guide to Surviving the Bible**

*Pastor Josh Causey, MDiv, Living Hope Fellowship*

*Deb Haltom, Survivor Advocate, Living Hope Fellowship*

*Megan Kelly, MDiv, Living Hope Fellowship*

"You are not your own, for you were bought with a price." Think about that from the perspective of a survivor! Semantics, translation issues, cultural context and interpretation can make studying the Scriptures problematic for a survivor seeking to understand Him. This session will equip ministers and advocates to look at Scripture through the lens of trafficking and apply sound, Spirit-led interpretation in a way that brings life and healing to survivors.

### **Counting the Cost- Opening a Residential Care Home for Survivors of Sex Trafficking**

*Emily Fitchpatrick, Founder, Flagship Equip*

Do you feel led to open or volunteer at a residential care home for survivors of sex trafficking? In our zeal for service, Luke 14 provides a great reminder for us to first "count the cost" before we go charging ahead. In this workshop Emily shares candid advice and draws from her 10 years of direct care experience to help you set realistic expectations and discern the call.

### **Beatitude Trauma Model**

*Kyle Miller, M.Ed., M.A., LPC-S, LMFT-S, Director & Counselor, Global Care & Response*

Meant for the lay person or professional, the Beatitude Trauma Model is a grace and truth approach modeled on Jesus' words in Matthew 5:1-16. It is a guide for Biblical trauma counseling/discipleship training and for the workers' own trauma healing as well as that of survivors. 1 Corinthians 2:4: "...so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

**Loving Her: Navigating a Healthy Marriage to a Survivor through Faith and Prayer.**

*Kelly Dore, National Human Trafficking Survivor Coalition and Tim Dore, JD*

Kelly and Tim tell the moving story of her betrayal and exploitation, and how their faith helped them weather the obstacles to intimacy and trust that came as a result.

**Healing From the Inside Out - Holistic Approach to the Brain, Mind and Body**

*Michelle Thielen, E-RYT, Founder, YogaFaith International, Complex Trauma Specialist*

Christian Yoga and other healing modalities can provide simple and practical methods to address emotional pain including that of disassociation felt by some survivors. Attendees will learn proven techniques of healing the brain, body, mind, spirit and soul. Participants will experience what faith mixed with movement can do for survivors and leave with tools that help and not hurt victims, even if we don't fully understand what they are going through.

**Finding Your Lane**

*Rebecca Bender, CEO & Founder, Rebecca Bender Initiatives, Survivor Leader*

From the vantage point of a survivor, Rebecca will help you explore, as an advocate, how to find your lane by identifying your place within the ant-trafficking movement. She identifies over 20 different ways people can get involved in fighting sex trafficking from non-direct service, to direct service, to disrupting demand.

**BRING JUSTICE WORKSHOPS**

**Friday morning, June 22**

**How Fake Science Has Corrupted the Law to Facilitate the Sexual Exploitation of Children**

*Mary McAlister, Esq., Senior Litigation Counsel, Liberty Counsel*

*Judith Reisman, PhD., Liberty University School of Law; Founder, Director- Child Protection Institute*

The law has been transformed by sexual rights activists from a Judeo-Christian based worldview that protected women and children to a pseudo-scientific secular worldview that removed protections for women and children and thereby facilitated sexual exploitation. The presentation will address the fallout from the change and a way to restore the foundations.

**Proactive Justice: Becoming well-informed advocates to prevent human trafficking**

*Jerry Redman, CEO, Second Life Tennessee*

This presentation will introduce the topic of proactive justice, in which community members will learn ways in which they can construct their lives in an effort to prevent the demand for sex trafficking. Participants will learn how having a healthy perspective of sexuality is necessary to combat human trafficking and how to appropriately advocate for awareness of healthy sexuality within the faith community.

## **Court-based Advocacy for Commercial Sexually Exploited Youth Including Those in Foster Care**

*Kimberly Oros, JD, CSEC Specialized Dependency Attorney-Children's Law Center of California*

*Ebony Johnson, CSEC Case Manager, Children's Law Center of California*

The presentation will describe the Dream Court and some of the creative strategies utilized by the attorneys and case managers in support of CSEC youth, strategies which differ from traditional dependency courtroom handling of such cases. Attendees will leave with an understanding of the various ways community members can support CSEC youth in foster care and why their involvement is necessary.

## **Beyond the Bible Study: Partnering in the Community to Prevent Sex Trafficking and Meet the Needs of Victims**

### **PANEL:**

*Noelle Volin, Esq, Do Justice Consulting, LLC*

*Rebecca Kotz, Trafficking Services Coordinator, Central MN Sexual Assault Center*

*Beatriz Menanteau, Esq., Supervisor, Violence Prevention Programs Unit, MN Department of Health*

*Christine Erickson, Director, Children-at-Risk "OneLess" Ministry Grace Church*

*Ed Heisler, Co-Executive Director, Men As Peacemakers*

Churches and other faith-based groups are uniquely positioned to fill an ever-growing needs gap. How do communities leverage the resources they have in churches? And how do churches avoid "reinventing the wheel" or inadvertently causing harm? The answer is partnering effectively with service providers who work directly with victims. This panel of experts will provide the audience with a view of how advocates in MN collaborated to answer the question "What can our church do to help?"

## **Stories from the Frontline: How one Nurse Extends the Flame of Hope in the Darkness**

*Pamela DeWitt-Meza, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P; Founder, Create Impact Consulting, LLC*

Responses matter; we can create hope or we can create more harm. Learned from many years of patient interaction, Pamela presents case reviews that demonstrate the dynamics of trafficking and grooming as well as how to walk through a process of a meaningful and safe interaction with someone who has been victimized. Participants will appreciate how our own lens (implicit bias) affects our ability to recognize exploitation.

## **Justice and the Church: Our Role in Justice Ministry**

*Tara Madison, Survivor Mentor, CHS/Voices for Florida, Open Doors*

*Joe Martin, Pastor & Survivor Leader, Theology Forums, Tattooed Theist*

This workshop seeks to create practical guidelines and deeper study into what the church is called to do in the pursuit of justice. It will focus on three critical areas that will help define God's call to justice, fulfill the specific needs in your demographic, and mobilize your church members into a fruit bearing human trafficking ministry. We examine the *Roadmap* laid out by Jesus, the *Crew*, and the *Destination*.

### **Connecting Foster Care, the Brain and Human Trafficking**

*Amy Rouleau, MPA, CMHP, MHP Executive Director, Restoration Place*

Children in foster care, runaways, throwaways, and homeless are at great risk of being trafficked. But be encouraged! Through realistic approaches in mental health, early education, law enforcement, and foster care, intervention and restoration are possible. This engaging journey will provide a greater understanding of how the foster care system, the human brain, and human trafficking are all connected. Amy's personal testimony will leave you inspired and hopeful for a future without human trafficking.

### **Shining Light in Dark Places: Illuminating the Buyer's Path**

*Grant Snyder, MATS, Sergeant, Minneapolis Police Department*

The "Buyer's Path" is a route traveled by all who seek victims of commercial sexual exploitation. It happens every day, in every city, and thrives in secrecy and anonymity. This presentation turns on the light on each step a buyer takes toward the deadly cliff. From first impersonal contact with a victim to the face to face contact with law enforcement, attendees can imagine walking the path of the buyer.

### **Disrupting Demand in Your City – Just a Bunch of Guys**

*Nick Lembo, Treasurer, Board of Directors, co-Chair of Defenders, Shared Hope International  
Michael Engle, Defender USA, Shared Hope International*

In this session men will learn how to actively disrupt the online sex market. Join an elite team of men in your city, who have learned how to personally engage online sex buyers directly at the point of sale. You'll be supported by The EPIK Project, a national leader in disrupting demand. EPIK's cutting-edge intervention tactic, commonly referred to as "A Bunch of Guys," is a proven and potent tool in disrupting the online exploitation market.

## **BRING JUSTICE PLENARY**

### **Do Justice. Love Mercy.**

*Grant Snyder, MATS, Sergeant, Minneapolis Police Department*

Listeners will learn how Sergeant Snyder is both cop and counselor. When the sex buyer comes face to face with law enforcement, justice is expected; mercy is a surprise and often leads to repentance.

### **Inside the Heart of a Redeemed Buyer**

*John Pulley, Man Alive Expedition*

Few subjects stir the emotions more than the abuse of a child, and there are some difficult questions regarding our attitudes towards buyers that must be wrestled with as a community of faith. John will tell the story of how an active member of a church turned to pornography, prostitution, massage parlors and abandonment to sexual addiction. He shares what the journey of faith and forgiveness looks like after becoming a sex offender.

### **From Handcuffs to Clemency, Journey of a Christian Survivor**

*Rev. Marian Hatcher, Senior Project Manager, Cook County Sheriff's Office*

Marian's testimony is her personal journey from corporate America to a domestic violence situation that then led to drugs and eventually to being trafficked. She was incarcerated...and amazingly, now is employed in Law Enforcement. Listeners will hear a story that resonates with themes of surrender, grace and mercy, and obedience. Her journey has become her ministry, impacting the lives of trafficked persons.

## **CALL TO ACTION CLOSING PLENARY**

**Bob Rodgers, President and CEO, Street Grace**

**Benjamin Nolot, Founder and CEO, Exodus Cry**

