

## Worksheet 2: Thesis & Resources

*Fill out this worksheet as thoroughly as possible. Begin with one broad statement about the topic you are researching. Find three primary resources that deal with this topic. Write a 3 sentence summary max about the text's position and perspective of the topic. Make note of an sections that may be of use to you. After reading 3 resources, consider the theology and scripture that deal with the topic. Finally, focus the topic. What detail do you see in the topic that you would like to elaborate on? This will become your proposed thesis. Remember, this thesis will be the focal point for your professional seminar.*

### **Topic:**

Broad statement on topic:

- Sexual Abuse brings upon shame

Proposed Problem/Challenge:

- People not wanting to speak up because of fear of family or not being heard

Prospective Change:

- No more secrets can heal abuse and bring freedom from shame, Shame isn't something you have to live with. Once you share your abuse it has no control over you.

Resource 1:

- Citation
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2022. "Preventing Sexual Violence." CDC. June 22, 2022. <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/sexualviolence/fastfact.html>.
- Summary of Position
  - This resources talks about facts on sexual abuse. Such as, what sexual abuse is, who it affects, how much it cost for survivors, consequences, and prevention of sexual violence.
- Notable quote locations
  - "Sexual violence survivors are more likely to smoke, abuse alcohol, use drugs, and engage in risky sexual activity."
  - Sexual violence consequences are physical, like bruising and genital injuries, sexually transmitted infections, and pregnancy (for women) and psychological, such as depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts.

Resource 2:

- Citation

- “Sexual Assault Perpetrators.” n.d. Wwww.michigan.gov. Accessed March 19, 2023. <https://www.michigan.gov/voices4/about/perpetrators>.

#### Summary of Position

- This showed the different types of methods perpetrators used on their victims. How common it is for perpetrators to know their victims
- Notable quote locations
  - Most perpetrators, about 7 in 10, know their victim. This can be a dating partner, a friend, friend of a friend, neighbor, family member, spouse, coworker, teacher, or any other acquaintance (Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 2010-2014) (2015).

#### Resource 3:

- Citation
  - “The Biblical Principles behind Reporting Sexual Abuse.” n.d. Texas Baptists. <https://www.texasbaptists.org/article/the-biblical-principles-behind-reporting-sexual-abuse>.
- Summary of Position
  - Why we should report sexual abuse and what the bible says about it
- Notable quote locations
  - *Proverbs 31:8-9 encourages believers to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.* This passage is less well-known, so it’s worth quoting in full first before a brief discussion: “Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and the needy.”
  - This is one of many passages that speak of God’s desire for his people to protect the oppressed and to see that they are given justice.[6] In the case of sexual abuse, the victim likely has been coerced into silence and submission. They need an advocate to speak up on their behalf.

### Theology

What issues of theology does this topic touch on?

Because of fallen man sin has entered the heart of man. In which abuse occurs because of sin. Although God is almighty, there is also a boundary he has between himself and us which is free will. And rule over our families as parents. He also offers healing, protection, and forgiveness, and free from shame. This topic is not black and white, issues of God's protection of Children doesn't seem evident when children are daily being abused. Also shame was meant for the wicked those who didn't turn from their sin.

What scripture deals with this topic? Job 8:22, Isa 0:3, OBA 1:10, Matthew 18:6, Ephesians 6:4, Philippians 3:2

### List 3 theology resources

1. Academic Journal:

- Sweerts-Vermeulen, Evelyn. 2021. Review of *He Made Her Play the Harlot*, January (January), 1–6.  
<https://eds-p-ebshost-com.ezproxy.nyack.edu/eds/pdfviewer/pdfviewer?vid=8&sid=7ec79556-1656-49df-820c-e06a5abc8ad4%40redis>.

2. Bible Commentary: "Shame - International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia." n.d. Blue Letter Bible. Accessed March 14, 2023.  
<https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/Dictionary/viewTopic.cfm?topic=IT0007907>.

3. Book:

- Soul Care Chapter 3 Reimer, Rob. 2016. *Soul Care 7 Transformational Principles for a Healthy Soul*. Carpenters Son Pub.

### Proposed Thesis:

After this first round of research; write your proposed thesis here:

Children who are sexually abused when they are young grow up with shame and are not likely to speak about it.

### THESIS CHECKLIST:

Are you staying true to your topic, or does it need to be adjusted?

- I think it needs to be adjusted and fine tuned a little.

Does your thesis demonstrate an integration with Youth & Family Ministries?

- yes

Is your theology relevant to the topic, thesis, and application?

- Yes, I think it is