Church Resources Pack

He proclaims freedom for the prisoners

Luke 4:18



HOPE FOR JUSTICE

“The church has a vital role to play in helping to end human trafficking and modern slavery. No person or organization will be able to eradicate this evil by working in isolation. But when the church stands together – united in prayer and action – we believe we will see God move in power.”

Natalie Grant

Co-founder and Global Ambassador for Hope for Justice,
Nine-time GRAMMY® nominee and
Five-time GMA Dove Awards Female Vocalist of the Year



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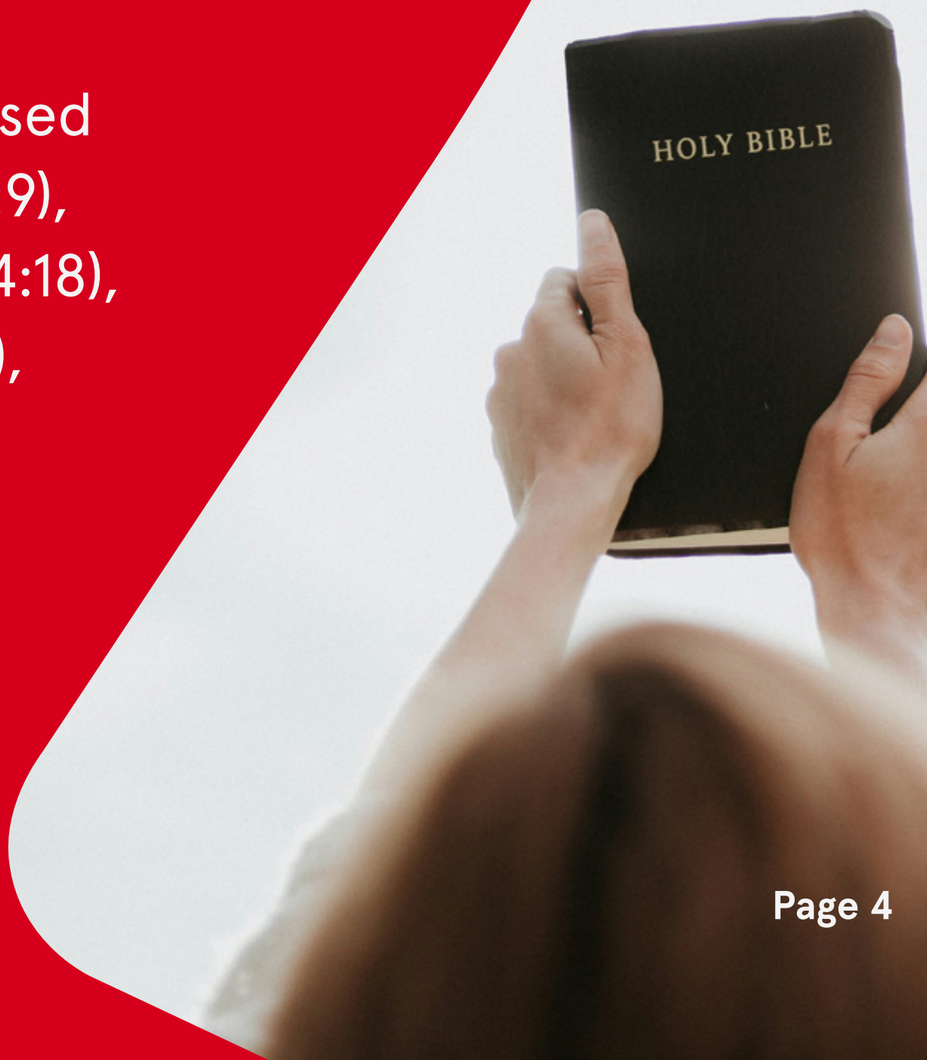
WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

The Bible speaks of a God who sets the oppressed free. He is a refuge for the oppressed (Psalm 9:9), He proclaims freedom for the prisoners (Luke 4:18), He is close to the broken-hearted (Psalm 34:18), He is a voice for the voiceless (Proverbs 31:8), He makes right decisions for the downtrodden (Isaiah 11:4), He restores people (1 Peter 5:10).





Deuteronomy 13:5 describes the Lord who brought the Israelites out of the land of Egypt and "**redeemed them from the house of human trafficking.**" We believe in a God who **saves, sets free, binds up, helps, heals, delivers, restores**.

Hope for Justice's work is centered around a model that has these Christian values at its core. Our four-pillar approach aims to restore lives that have been affected by human trafficking and ultimately, to prevent this evil from happening in the first place: **prevent, rescue, restore, reform**.



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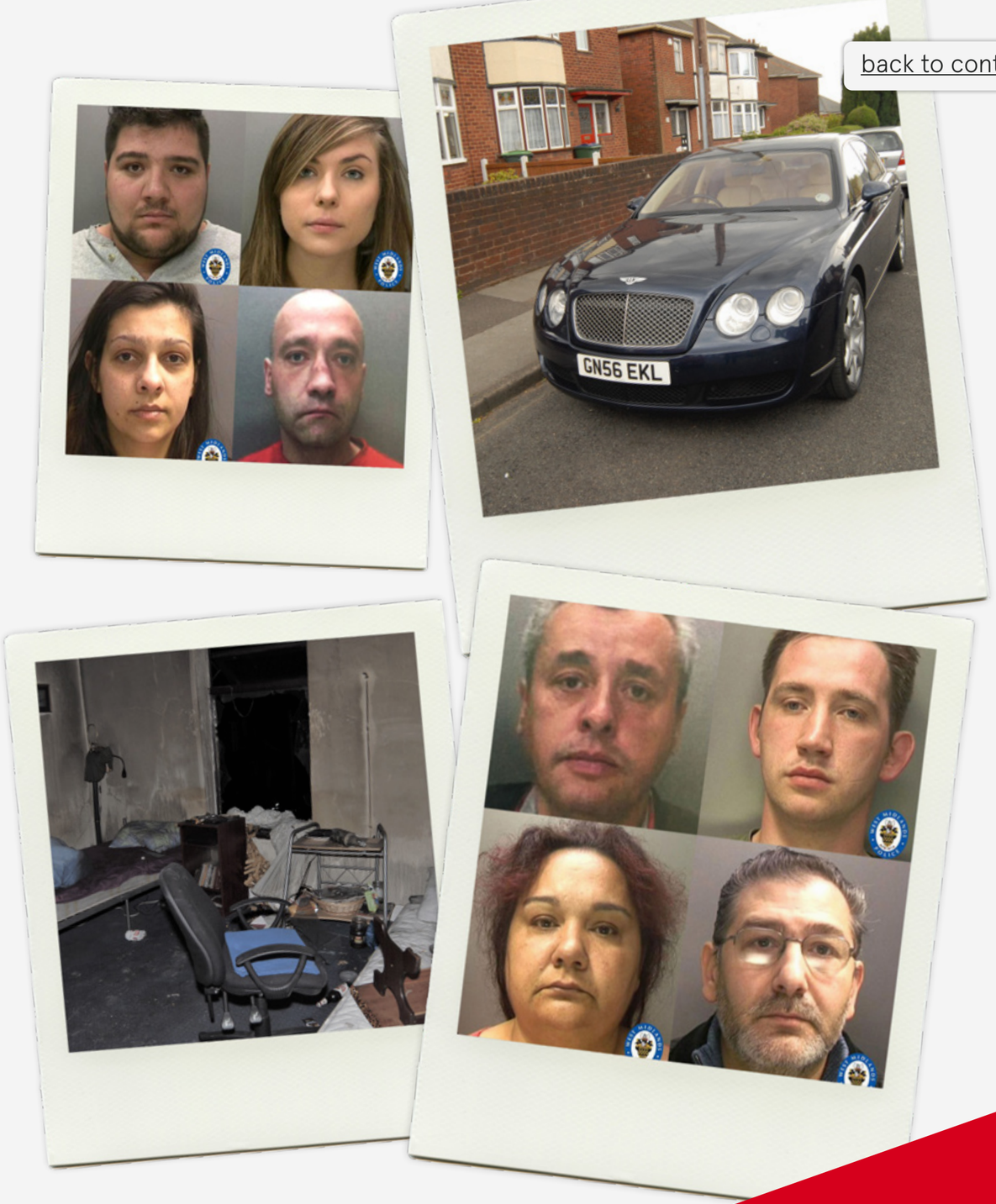
OPERATION FORT

The Church was pivotal in identifying the first known victims of a large human trafficking gang, sparking a four-year investigation.
It was one of Hope for Justice's staff, working alongside a support worker – an advisor from a church group who had received training from the charity on how to spot the signs of human trafficking – who first recognised there were victims in his area within the Polish community.

Hope for Justice and the Police identified 92 victims as part of the **investigation**, but believe there were as many as 400 in total. Hope for Justice has supported many of the victims in their recovery and as they bravely gave evidence against the gang. Eleven people have been jailed so far, most recently in September 2021.

This case alone shows that it is vital that we train the Church in how to identify potential victims, where they are most likely to come into contact with them, and what steps to take if you suspect human trafficking.



HOW WE STAND TOGETHER



PRAY

We have a live prayer page, which is regularly updated with news, information, requests and answers to prayer from across our organization. Please join with us in praying for these specific areas.

We would love you to partner with us to pray for breakthrough for victims and survivors of human trafficking as well as for the traffickers who are oppressing them – that their hearts would be changed.

We would love you to pray for governments and key decision makers as they change existing, and introduce new, legislation and reform. We meet every Wednesday evening to pray together about the issue of human trafficking.

Please email **supporters@hopeforjustice.org** for more information.

INFORM

In order to make wise decisions for the good of those who are affected by human trafficking, we need to be informed.

Many of our day-to-day buying habits as consumers impact the people who are at the bottom of supply chains – the weak, the marginalized, those vulnerable to human trafficking.

Hope for Justice delivers Training in-person and via our online Learning Academy that is relevant for anyone involved in policing and law enforcement; federal or state or local government; healthcare and social work; or non-profit work in the community such as those doing outreach with vulnerable youth, the homeless and runaways.



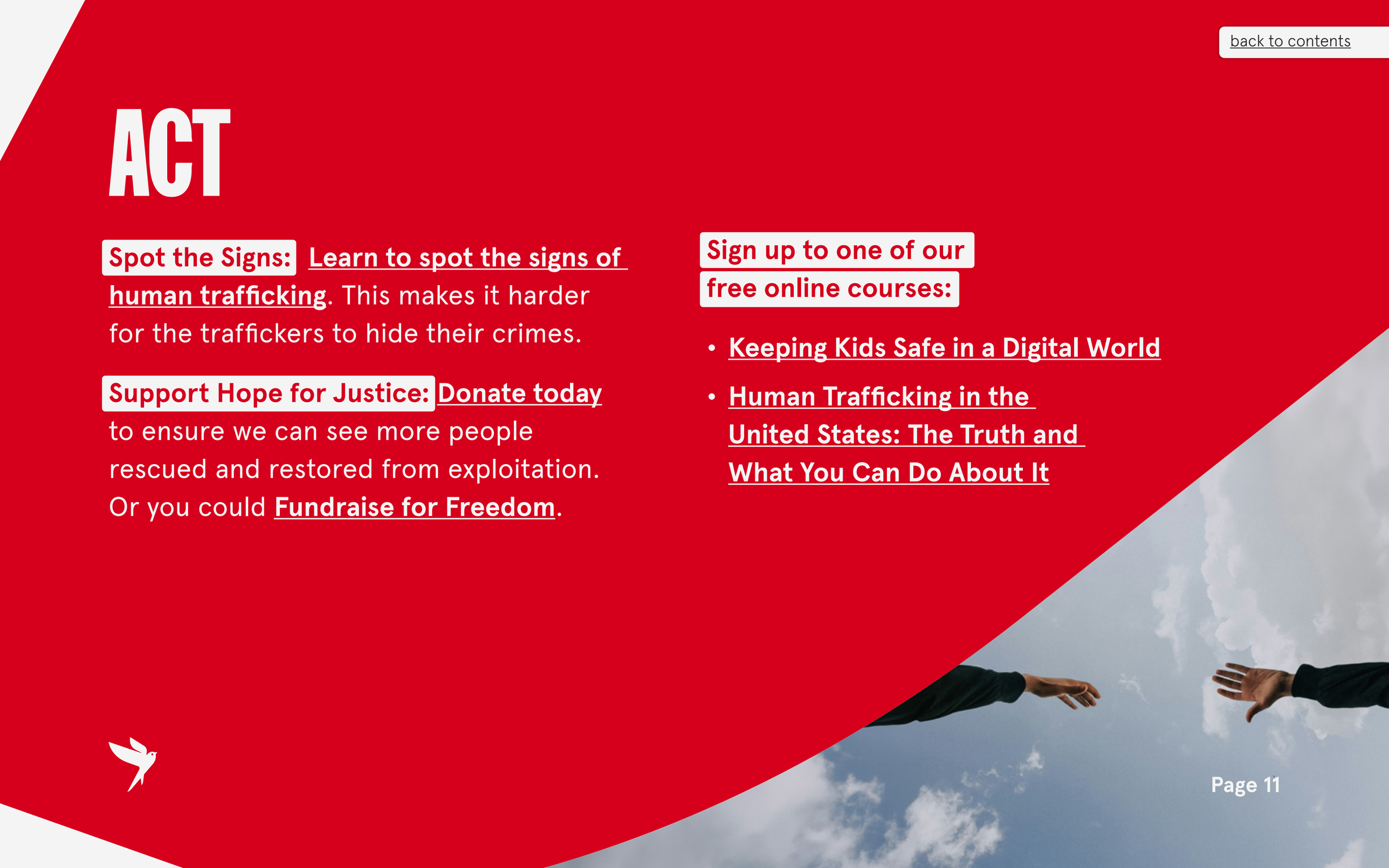
ACT

Spot the Signs: **Learn to spot the signs of human trafficking**. This makes it harder for the traffickers to hide their crimes.

Support Hope for Justice: **Donate today** to ensure we can see more people rescued and restored from exploitation. Or you could **Fundraise for Freedom**.

Sign up to one of our free online courses:

- **Keeping Kids Safe in a Digital World**
- **Human Trafficking in the United States: The Truth and What You Can Do About It**



ABOUT US...

Hope for Justice exists to bring an end to human trafficking by preventing exploitation, rescuing victims, restoring lives, and reforming society.

We run anti-trafficking projects all over the world, working directly with victims and survivors. Our community initiatives help to prevent human trafficking happening in the first place.

Last year our work reached 203,352 children and adults, but we can't do that without the involvement of churches.

From the very day Hope for Justice was founded back in 2008, churches have been instrumental in supporting our work – being trained to spot the signs, praying, through regular giving, fundraising and by playing a key role in raising awareness about human trafficking in our world.



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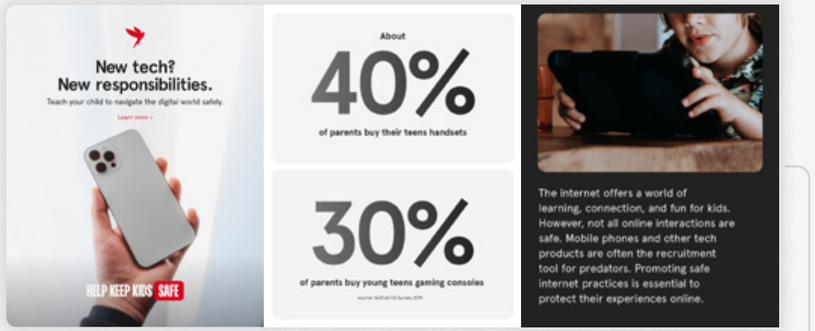

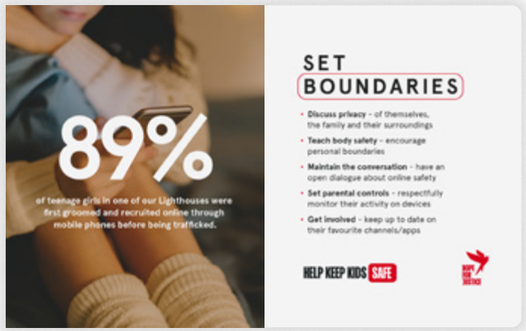

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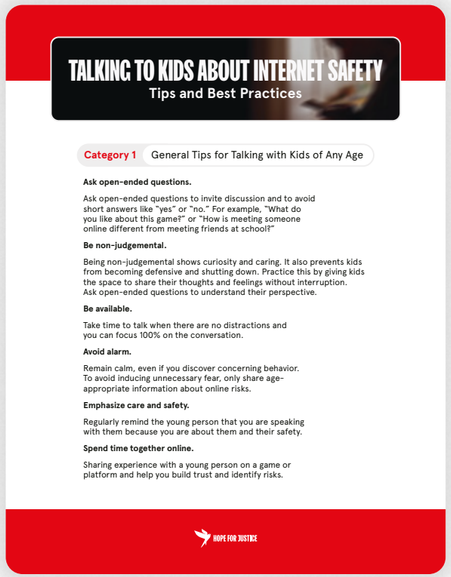

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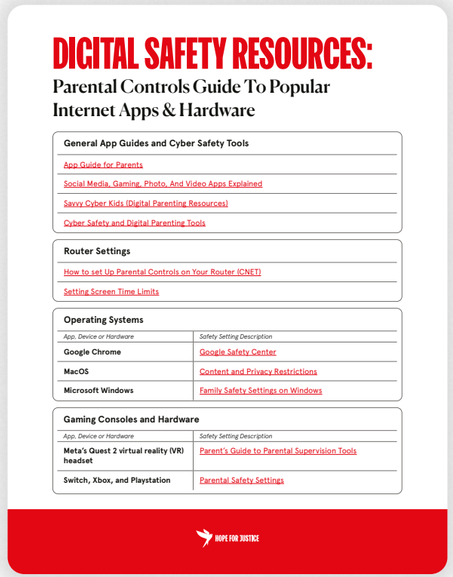

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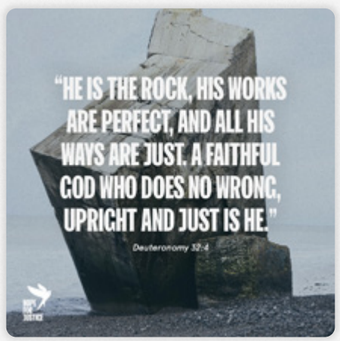







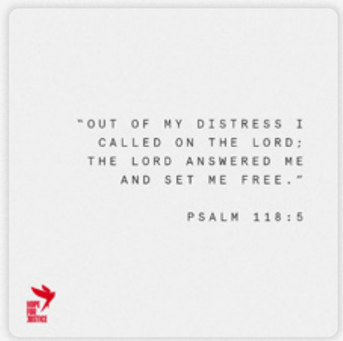

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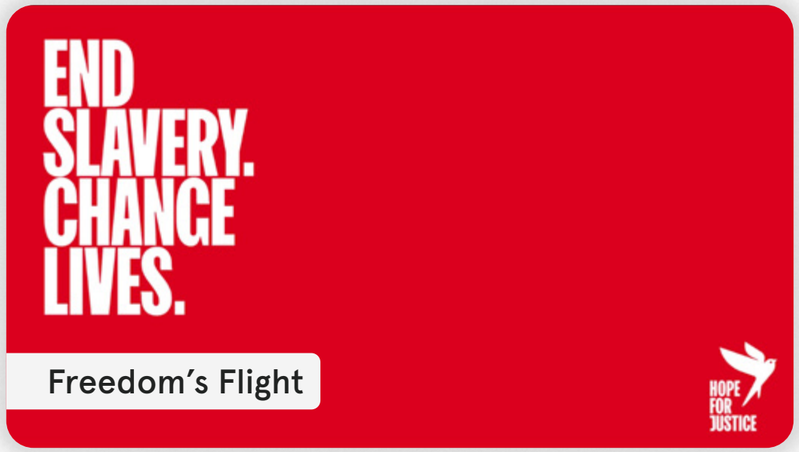

Freedom's Flight



About Us



What does it take to cycle the 200?

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Facilitation questions for Human Trafficking in the US – Faith Based Discussion Guide

Discussion questions prior to starting training:

We see the heart of Jesus toward those who are the victims of human trafficking: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." – Luke 4:18

- What do you think of when you hear the term "human trafficking"?
- Where do you think human trafficking happens?
- Who do you think is at risk for human trafficking?

Discussion questions during training:

- Which of these signs of trafficking stand out to you the most?
- Why do you think human trafficking is so underreported?

Discussion questions post-training:

- What stood out to you most about what you learned?
- Was there anything unexpected or surprising?
- In what way is the image of God in humanity corrupted by human trafficking?
- After taking this training, what questions about human trafficking do you still have?
- What steps can we take to work for justice and fight human trafficking?
- What points in your lifestyle may contribute to a society where human trafficking is present?
- How can we apply Isaiah 1:17? "Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow."

Prayer points:

- Psalm 106:3 states: "Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right."
  - Pray for law enforcement, social service workers, clinicians, and others who may regularly come in contact with victims and perpetrators of human trafficking. "There is no gloom or deep darkness where evildoers may hide themselves." – Job 34:22
  - Pray for all of us to fight and work for justice in our society including bringing awareness to the scourge of human trafficking happening in our community.

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HOPE FOR JUSTICE

ARE YOU BEING FORCED TO WORK AGAINST YOUR WILL?

ARE YOU BEING CONTROLLED WITHOUT THE FREEDOM TO LEAVE?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE?

YOU COULD BE A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

What is human trafficking?

- Exploitation of a person for labor or sex
- There is no profile of a victim of human trafficking, but they all have vulnerabilities that push or pull them into exploitation
- Forced labor, commercial sex, domestic servitude, and criminal activity are types of trafficking
- Traffickers use force, fraud, and coercion to control their victims

Common vulnerabilities that increase trafficking risk	Common pathways and enticements that push and pull someone into trafficking	Common barriers to leaving or self-reporting
• Poverty • Isolation • Unstable home and family life (e.g. abuse, drug use, mental illness at home) • Depression, emotional struggles, and mental health disorders • Homeless or runaway • Physical/learning impairments	• Promise of a better life (e.g. safety, security, protection, a place to stay) • Money or gifts • Drugs or alcohol • Affection from intimate partner or family member • Additional for minors: Excitement of risk-taking, not having rules, going to adult entertainment venues or new places, or having adventures with a casual acquaintance • Online grooming via social media and gaming platforms • Applying for and accepting online or offline job postings (e.g., modeling, work abroad)	• Shame and embarrassment • Fear of the law • Lack of knowledge about the law's protection of victims • Not knowing they are a victim; emotional and/or romantic bonding • Fear of retaliation on themselves or family members • Lack of identification documents

If you believe someone may be a victim of human trafficking please report it using the National Human Trafficking Hotline: Call **1-888-373-7888,** text **BEFREE (233733)** or visit **humantraffickinghotline.org**

Hope for Justice: call **704-323-6322** or visit **hopeforjustice.org**



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SPOT THE SIGNS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

LOOK FOR 8 KEY INDICATORS

- LIMITED FAMILY/SOCIAL CONTACT
- PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE
- RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT
- INTIMIDATION AND THREATS
- ABUSE OF VULNERABILITY
- FEAR AND ANXIETY
- UNDER-AGE
- DECEPTION

TO REPORT A CONCERN, CALL

1-615-356-0946

IF YOU HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE A PERSON IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911 FIRST

If you think you may have encountered a victim of human trafficking, contact Hope for Justice and let us know as much information as possible.

You may be saving someone's life.

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Encourage your church community to sign up to the Hope for Justice mailing list for inspiring updates, practical tips on getting involved with anti-trafficking activities, and much more!

Scan or click the QR code,
or head to **hfj.org/church-pack-signup**

Click here to download the QR code



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Thank you for your support as we partner together to see a world free of slavery and lives changed.