

A woman with a bruise on her forehead is lying in a hospital bed, looking distressed. The scene is dimly lit, with a radiator visible in the background.

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day 1 deceit

Marina, from Priceless, represents thousands of girls across the world. Girls who have had all hope stolen from them. Girls who have spent their whole life in an orphanage and as early as fourteen years old they get kicked to the streets to fend for themselves. Girls wondering where their next meal is going to come from. Girls spending cold nights dreaming of better life. These girls are approached by nice looking men, the first person who has looked at them kindly in months. The men tell the young girls everything they want to hear. They tell them that they will give them a promising job. The job will be an opportunity to nanny in a foreign country making more money than the young girl ever dreamed possible.

Imagine yourself (or your daughter): living on the streets. Imagine the hopelessness of not having a job and living on the cold streets. Imagine your dreams for a better life and what they would include. Imagine having no one to turn to for comfort or advice. Now, imagine yourself being approached with a job opportunity-one that sounds too good to be true. What do you have to lose? Maybe, just maybe, your life is going to turn around like you've always dreamed.

Unfortunately, this job is not a nanny or waitress job after all. What these girls do not know is that they are going to be trafficked and forced into a life of sexual slavery.

suggested reading priceless chapters 6-11

Statistic to think on today:

Every 2 minutes, a child is being prepared for sexual exploitation

Scriptures to study:

Psalm 43:1	Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; rescue me from deceitful and wicked men
Psalm 120:2	Save me, O LORD, from lying lips and from deceitful tongues
Psalm 144:11	Deliver me and rescue me from the hands of foreigners whose mouths are full of lies, whose right hands are deceitful.

Prayer Focus:

Pray that the Lord will close the eyes of those seeking vulnerable girls to traffic
Pray that the girls' eyes would be opened to truth and they would flee

Drive home the point personally:

Set an alarm today to go off every 2 minutes. Say a prayer every time that alarm goes off for the little ones across the world who are being prepared for exploitation. Let the enormity of the situation and the frequencies of the alarms going off sink in. However, be careful to not get so overwhelmed that you shut your mind down. Instead, allow the intensity to bring you to your knees.

Involve Others:

As your alarm goes off today, you are going to get questions. SHARE! This is a statistic that others need to hear. If people don't know, no one will act. Read "The Sex Café" at hopechest.org/sex-café share your thoughts on your facebook, blog and twitter, encourage your network to read it and do the same.

Act:

Research. This is a big issue to take in. Start your research online, however be careful what you Google. (that's not a joke!) Google things like "sex trafficking statistics" or start by looking through some of our partner sites.

www.globalcenturion.org
www.iEmpathize.org
www.love146.com

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day 2 dashboard dreams

Marina's story represents a real truth that is happening across the world. Sex slaves are often girls following their dreams. Girls that are trying to overcome a past hardship. A common ploy would be for young girls to be offered a Nanny position. Instead girls will soon realize they had been deceived. With in the first few days of their new job they will be beaten, drugged, exploited and finally raped.

Imagine yourself (or your daughter): You are full of hope. After a dreary life full of dashed hopes, you have begun to believe again. You board a plane thinking and planning for your future only to find out that it was all a lie. You spend the next days enduring horrific torture. You are beaten to a pulp, locked in a room without food or water or even a proper restroom. You are then lined up with other girls and stripped naked in front of a crowd of men. You are then chosen by one (or more) of them and raped, for what will only be your first time.

suggested reading priceless chapters 16-21

Statistic to think on today:

Sexual slaves are raped up to 40 times per day.

Scriptures to study:

- Psalm 10:17-18 You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more.
- Job 36:15 But those who suffer he delivers in their suffering; he speaks to them in their affliction.
- Psalm 119:50 My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.
- Psalm 34:18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Prayer Focus:

Pray that the Lord will comfort the girls in their affliction
Pray that they will feel His arms wrapped around them
Pray for their protection, in body, soul and spirit

Drive home the point personally:

Print out the "Help Wanted" photo from the site. Carry around her picture today. Put her picture on your car dashboard or fridge. Look into her eyes and imagine what she may be going through right now. Pray for her.

Involve Others:

Write a blog or email to share with your friends the need to pray. Begin sharing some of the statistics you have read. Make sure you share the stories as well. People connect with stories more than just statistics. Share your heart and the new passion God may be giving you.

Act:

This is an emotionally difficult issue. Go back to the websites you found yesterday. Find the "contact us" link and send emails to the staff of a few of the organizations. Tell them you are praying for them. Encourage them to keep fighting for the oppressed.

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day 3 hopeless

The pain doesn't stop. For girls sold into sexual slavery, they are kept in captivity for months and years on end.

Imagine yourself (or your daughter): You are living in a brothel. Imagine the pain feel each day. Day after day after day, you are held hostage and raped repeatedly. Imagine how your hope weakens each time you pray. You go to bed every night praying for the pain to stop. Yet, every morning you wake up to another day of beatings and rape. Your hope wanes. You see no end in sight. You are told, vehemently and violently, anytime that rescue is brought up that it will never be possible and you will live out your entire life in this situation.

suggested reading priceless chapters 24

Statistic to think on today:

Approximately 30 million children have lost their childhood through sexual exploitation over the past 30 years.

Scriptures to study:

Job 17:15 Where then is my hope? Who can see any hope for me?
Psalm 119:116 Sustain me according to your promise, and I will live; do not let my hopes be dashed.
Micah 7:7 But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

Prayer Focus:

Pray that the girls will not lose hope
Pray that the girls will band together to encourage one another
Pray for Satan's voice to be quieted as he tells them there is no hope

Drive home the point personally:

Go to the Internet and watch "The Face Of Slavery" by Nicolas D. Kristof. Pray for the young woman featured in this documentary along with the millions of many other young women who have suffered just like her. Flip through a calendar and think about the girls who will endure multiple rapes each day of this entire calendar year. Pray for their hope and rescue.

Involve Others:

Stop a friend today and ask them if they will spend a moment praying with you for the girls trapped in sexual slavery.

Act:

Motivate your media. Write a letter to the editor of your local paper asking that they do a story on this subject.

Write a letter to your congressman, senator, etc asking for more funding and attention to this subject

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day 4 rescue

There are multiple organizations across the US and around the world that actively seek to rescue girls trapped in sex slavery. Some of these are large organizations with funding and expertise, others are local families forming together to make a difference in their own neighborhoods. All of them are people who choose to enter the darkness so that those who are trafficked may receive justice.

Imagine yourself as a rescue agent: You know that there are young girls being held captive. You know what is happening behind those walls. However, there are some really bad guys in between you and them. Men who use violence as a hobby and who have a lot to lose if you take away their source of income. You must tread carefully for the task is difficult but the reward is priceless.

suggested reading priceless chapters 24-27

Statistics to think on today:

1-2 percent of victims are rescued
Only 1 in 100,000 Europeans involved in trafficking are convicted

Scriptures to study:

Isaiah 1:17	Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.
Psalms 25:20	Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
Psalms 18:48	Who saves me from my enemies. You exalted me above my foes; from violent men you rescued me.
2 Samuel 22:18	He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for the eyes of the rescue organizations to be opened to see girls who need rescuing
Pray that the rescuers who are strategizing how to rescue will have discernment
Pray for safety during rescue efforts

Drive home the point personally:

Talk to your kids about their favorite super heroes. Ask them what they think makes someone a hero. While these comic book super heroes are fictional, there are people around the world risking their lives to rescue young girls. Pray for them today.

Involve Others:

Plan your weekend starting now. Call and invite a few friends to come to your house this weekend to watch the movie, "Trade". When it's over, discuss what you've learned about trafficking and how we can be involved in this issue of justice.

Act:

Consider joining iFast58, a movement of people who fast and pray for the world's poor, hungry and oppressed as well as those who serve them. They suggest fasting one day each week. There is also a prayer conference call on Wednesdays at 11:30 mountain time. Call 760- 569- 9000 ID: 968101

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day 5 healing

Aftercare or healing houses are the next step. The girls are rescued from horrible situations with many wounds—both physical and emotional. They need to learn to love, trust and hope again. Aftercare homes provide this care and place of healing. Often times they are homes with 6-15 girls and caregivers with professional backgrounds in counseling.

Imagine yourself (or your daughter): newly rescued out of a life of sexual slavery. The people around you seem so nice, but you question whether or not you can trust them. They talk to you about God's love for you and how you are safe now. You want to trust, you even want to love them (it feels so nice to be hugged), but you are scared. When you start to trust and begin talking about your pain the tears flow. You had stopped your tears for so long that you feel that now that they have started, they will never stop. You feel the walls you've placed around your heart to protect you for the horrors you've faced begin to crack. You are not sure if this is a good thing, it feels so vulnerable and yet so wonderful.

suggested reading priceless chapters 36

Statistics to think on today:

The average age of a trafficked victim is between 11-14 years old.

Scriptures to study:

Jeremiah 33:6 Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.
Psalm 30:2 O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.
Psalm 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for the newly rescued girls, that they will know they are safe
Pray that they will be comforted by the Holy Spirit as they begin to grieve
Pray for healing for their deepest wounds that can only come from Him

Drive home the point personally:

Journal today, praising Him for the healing you have received in your own life. Recognize where the God of healing has met you in places you once thought impossible. Consider the issues facing these young girls and intercede on their behalf for their healing.

Involve Others:

Plan a fundraiser that involves others (bake sale, garage sale, carwash, etc) and put it on the calendar. Call your church, moms group or even your business and ask if they will promote it.

Act:

Donate the funds you raise to prevent and restore girls from trafficking. Click on the donate button on sheispriceless.com to learn about prevention programs in Russia and restoration programs in Moldova and how you can give to make a difference.

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