How To Reduce Your Risk For Violence

First, Avoid alcohol or other substances that impair judgment and self-defense.

- Remember that past sexual behavior does not obligate you to future sexual behavior.
- Remember, it is the IMPACT of the behavior, not the INTENT which determines whether the behavior constitutes sexual violence.

What are you willing to do to say "No more" to sexual violence? If you are a woman, what is your part, your response-ability? Men, what is your response-ability to whatever "opportunities" you may face?

Evil Prevails...

When Good Men Do Nothing.

Stuebenville, Ohio. Saratoga, California. Just two of the most recent examples that something is terribly wrong with our world. Both tragedies involved young men sexually assaulting a drunken victim, too intoxicated to defend herself, even if she could. They took turns assaulting her, in multiple dehumanizing ways, then, to add to the degradation they took pictures and video. And shared them with their friends. In the case of the Saratoga assault, the young girl hanged herself a few days later. Too ashamed, too humiliated, in too much pain.

Any one of those phones used to post photos could have been used to call 911. Any one of those boys could have used his strength to rescue and not revile.

The liberty to drink, even to irresponsible extremes, is not license to victimize, nor permission to be victimized.

Rape, or any unwanted sexual attention, is not the inevitable consequence of immodesty or intoxication: These are not permissions to disrespect, degrade or violate.

Silence does not equal consent. Lack of resistance, or submission, to the use of force, or threat of force, does not indicate consent. Consent must be freely and overtly given.

Where were the real men? Where were the boys who respect girls? Where was even just one human being who stepped in to rescue her from the violation, the photos, the jokes, the objectification, the dehumanization? Every one of those boys came into the world in the exact same way: through a woman. No one comes into this world in any other way. Every man owes his life to the woman who gave him life.

Thank you to the men who are protectors, not perpetrators. To men who value, not violate, women. To men who honor the life of those who bear life.

"Like a muddied spring or polluted well is a righteous man who gives way to the wicked." - Proverbs 25:26

What To Do If You Are A Victim of Sexual Violence

- Get to a safe place.
- Do not shower, bathe, douche, wash your hands, brush your teeth or use a toilet. You may destroy important evidence.
- Speak with someone in authority whom you trust.
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible. You may also contact the Simpson University Nurse at 226-4178