

# A STORY OF BRAVERY

**Two ordinary people choosing to live extraordinary lives.**

Paul starts viewing pornography at age 10, which begins a 16-year addiction. As a friendship with Hannah grows into romance, Paul admits his addiction to her and realizes he must stop or lose her forever. He begins understanding the damage it has done to himself and others. With a better grasp of how pornography has affected him and with Hannah's gracious support, Paul gives God power over his addiction.



## THE PORNOGRAPHY PROBLEM

**"The use of pornographic material among Christians continues to rise, reaching near epidemic proportions in the church."—Global Christian**

- ▶ The average child is exposed to porn at age 11
- ▶ By age 18, 92% of boys and 62% of girls have viewed pornography
- ▶ 1 in 5 mobile searches is for porn
- ▶ 22% of teen girls *admit* to posting nude or almost-nudes on the internet
- ▶ Most teens and young adults view pornography as less immoral than failing to recycle
- ▶ 4 in 10 young men in the church actively watch porn least once or twice per month
- ▶ 1 in 3 Americans seek out porn at least once per month
- ▶ 1 in 5 porn users say they feel guilty about it; 1 in 3 Christians feel guilty
- ▶ 50% of adults & 1/3 of teens think it's wrong to view pornography
- ▶ 1 in 10 American adults *admits* having an internet porn addiction
- ▶ Over half of all divorce cases site pornography as a component in the break-up of their marriage
- ▶ Brain scans of cocaine addicts and porn addicts look identical
- ▶ The pleasure centers in teens' brains who view pornography can become deformed to the point of causing physical dysfunction in adulthood
- ▶ Youth are taught the Bible says you can't have sex before marriage but they do now understand why.<sup>x</sup>

SOURCES: <sup>1</sup> <https://www.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/teens/the-sex-lives-of-christian-teens-11622481.html>; <sup>2</sup> <https://www.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/teens/the-sex-lives-of-christian-teens-11622481.html>; <sup>3</sup> <https://www.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/teens/the-sex-lives-of-christian-teens-11622481.html>; <sup>4</sup> <https://www.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/teens/the-sex-lives-of-christian-teens-11622481.html>; <sup>5</sup> <https://www.crosswalk.com/family/parenting/teens/the-sex-lives-of-christian-teens-11622481.html>

# 3 PATHS TO VICTORY

## 1

### GET HELP

#### WEAG Counseling Department

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## 2

### GET SUPPORT

#### \*NEW\* Thursday Night Small Group: "Unspoken"

##### Unspoken—Men

Confidential support group  
lead by Paul McLean

6-week confidential support group for men struggling with addiction to pornography, or just curious about what the big deal is. Join Paul McLean in this safe and private environment to have discussions that lead you to greater understanding and your personal next steps toward freedom.

*Sign up confidentially at [weaggroups.com](http://weaggroups.com)*

##### Unspoken—Women

Confidential support group  
lead by Hannah McLean

6-week confidential support group for women struggling with intimate issues often "unspoken" about. Including but not limited to body image and relationship struggles related to sex, as well as pornography addiction (a partner, spouse or yourself), you will find comfort in this small group companionship and leave with a clear direction on your next steps toward finding a path to healing.

## 3

### OPEN DIALOGUE, SAFE INTERNET

#### Talk Openly With Your Spouse & Kids

Learn how with teaching materials and counseling programs from Pure Life Ministries, [purelifeministries.com](http://purelifeministries.com)

#### Accountability & Protection Software

Covenant Eyes  
[covenanteyes.com](http://covenanteyes.com)

Child Guard  
[childguard.com](http://childguard.com)

BACK

# DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS TO HEAR THEY AREN'T ALONE?

Chances are:

- You didn't know they needed it
- They didn't know what they needed to hear
- Or maybe that someone is you

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