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TO END DOMESTIC ABUSE

A Biblical View of Relationships
to End Domestic Abuse



**“A Biblical View of Relationships
to End Domestic Abuse,”
written by women from Africa,
Europe, Asia, and Latin America.
Now available in four languages.**

The Red Chair Project

A Place for Them

Egy hely számukra

Une Place Pour Elles

Un Lugar Para Ellas

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Lle I Nhw

Ein Platz Für Sie

جایی برای آنها



A Place for Them

Standing against domestic abuse

Globally, every 11 minutes, a woman or girl dies at the hands of an intimate partner or family member*.

These woman and girls should still be with us.

This seat is reserved to highlight the void left behind by each and every one of them.

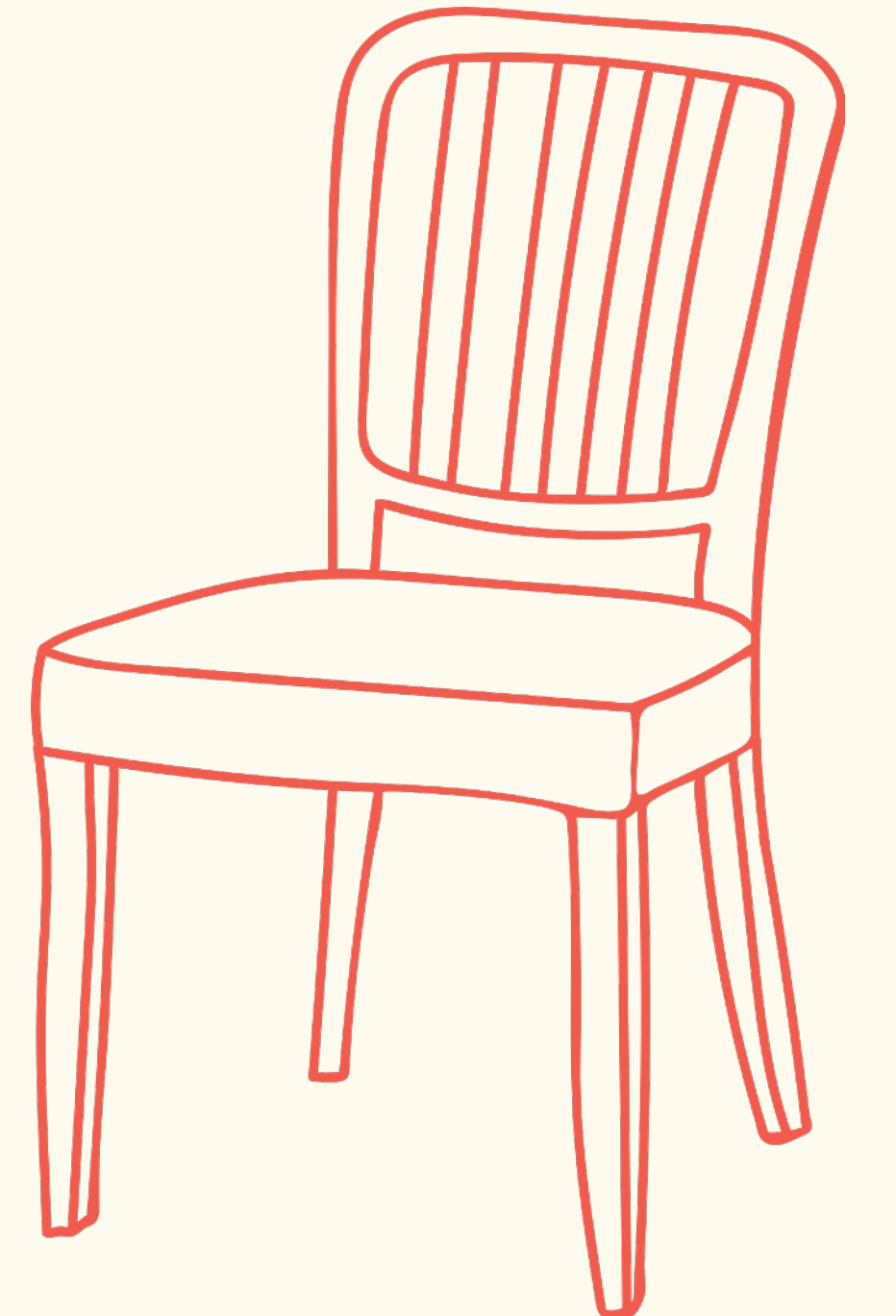


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*United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (2021).



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Wales



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Men as allies to end domestic abuse



Why does domestic abuse happen?

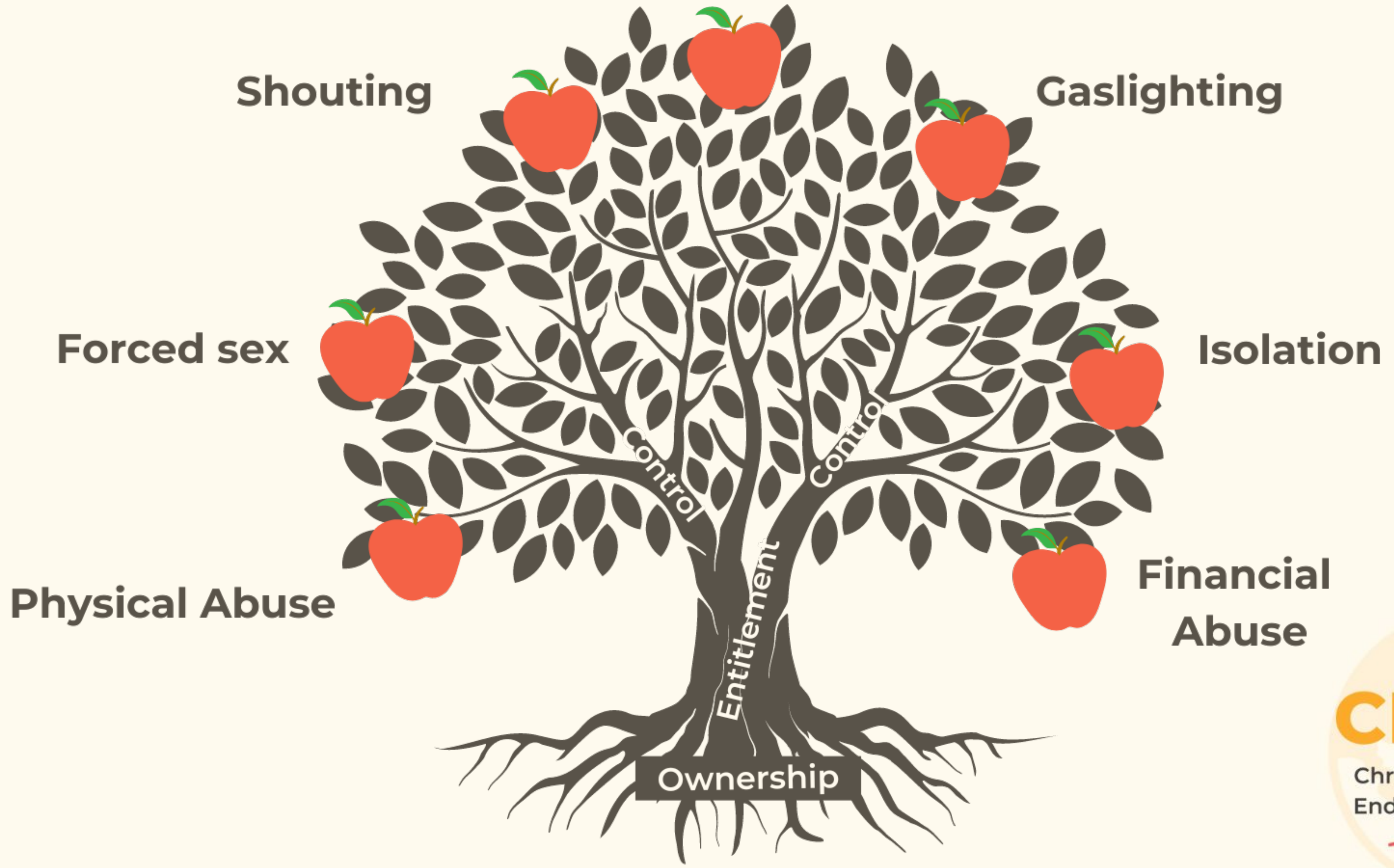


Power:

the capacity or ability to direct or influence the behaviour of others or the course of events.



Emotional abuse



Shouting

Gaslighting

Forced sex

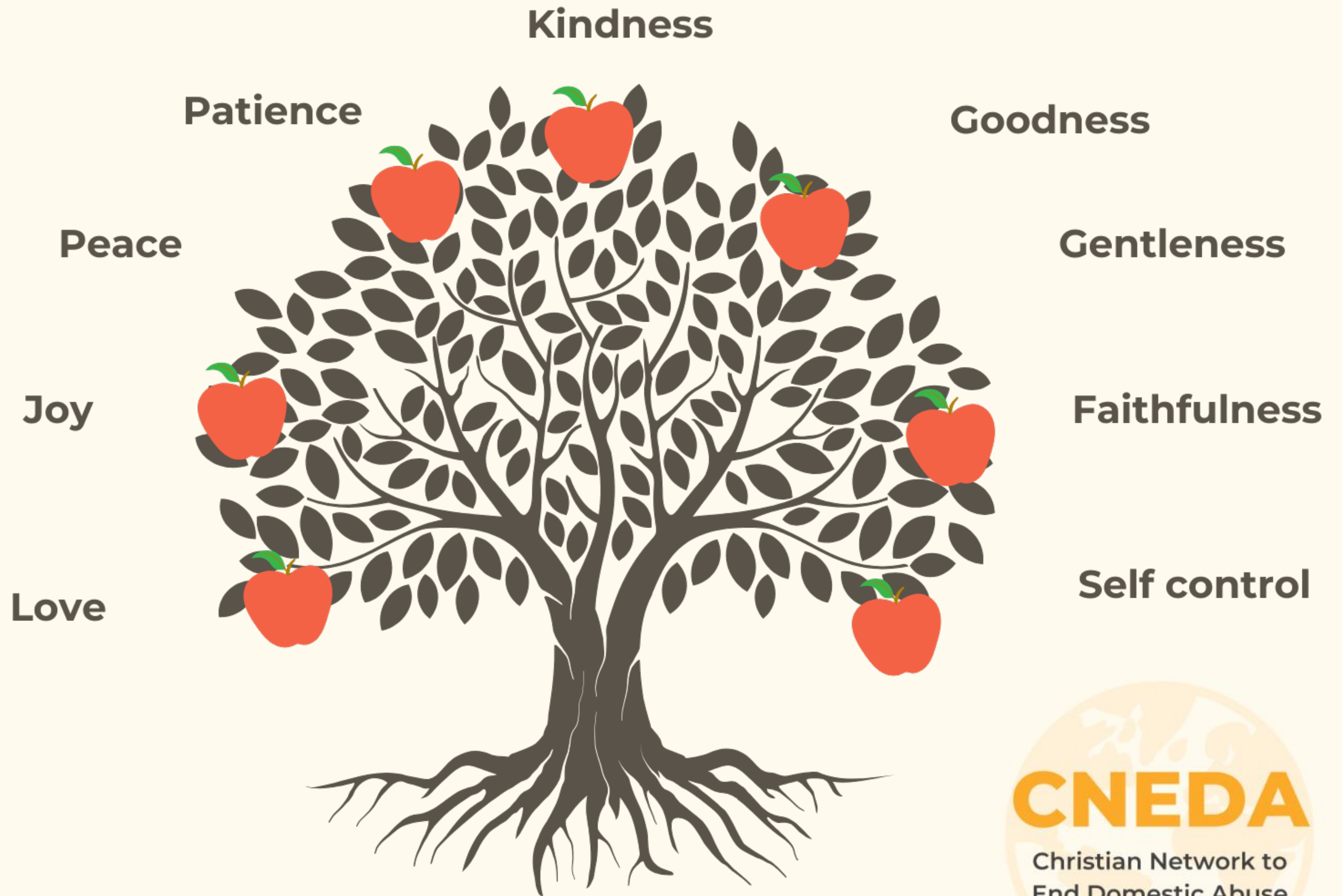
Isolation

Physical Abuse

Financial Abuse



*Just as you can
identify a tree by
its fruit, so you can
identify people by
their actions.
Matthew 7:20*

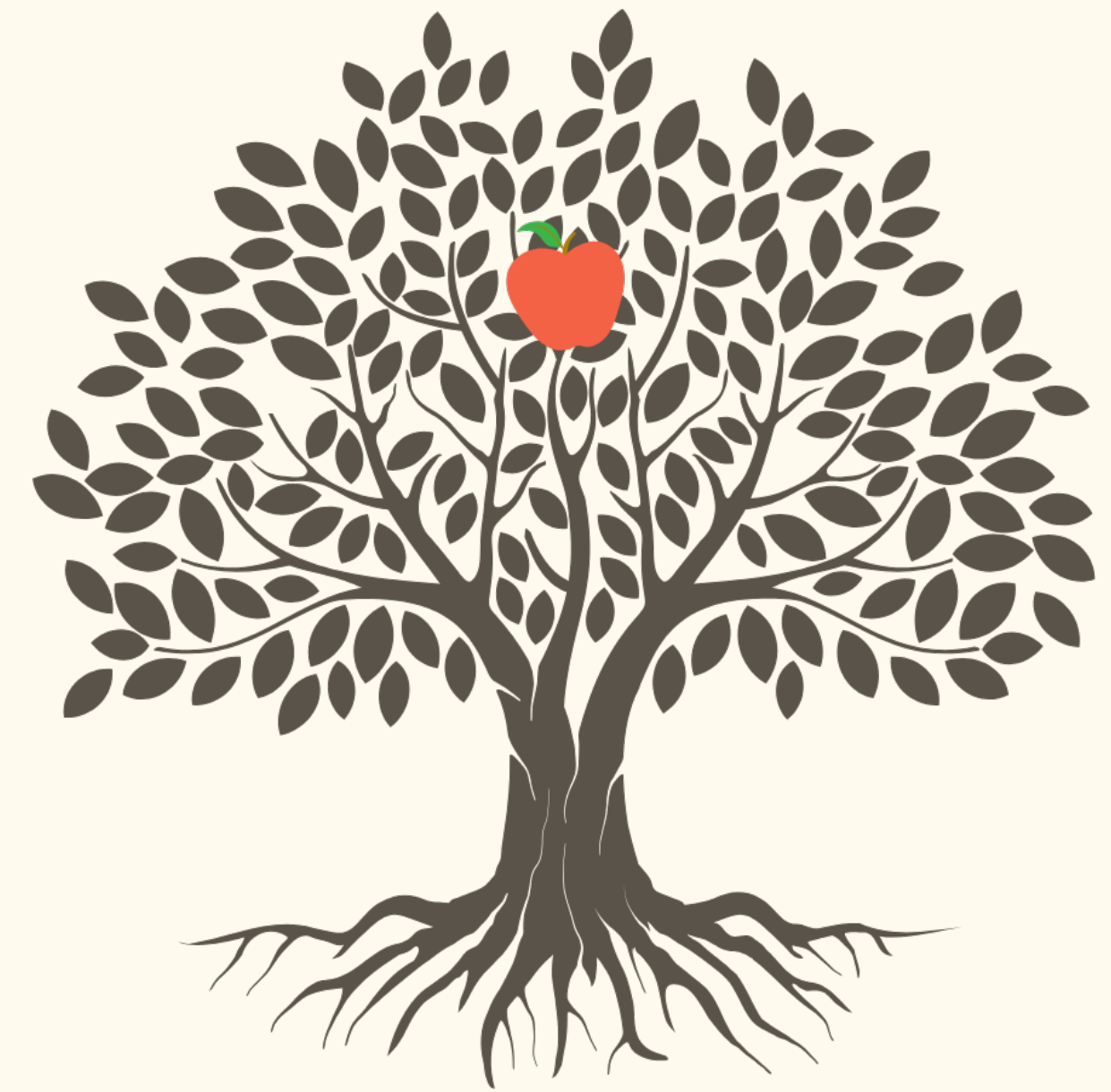


The desire for power

“you will be like God,”

*When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also **desirable for gaining wisdom**, she took some and ate it.*

Genesis 3:6



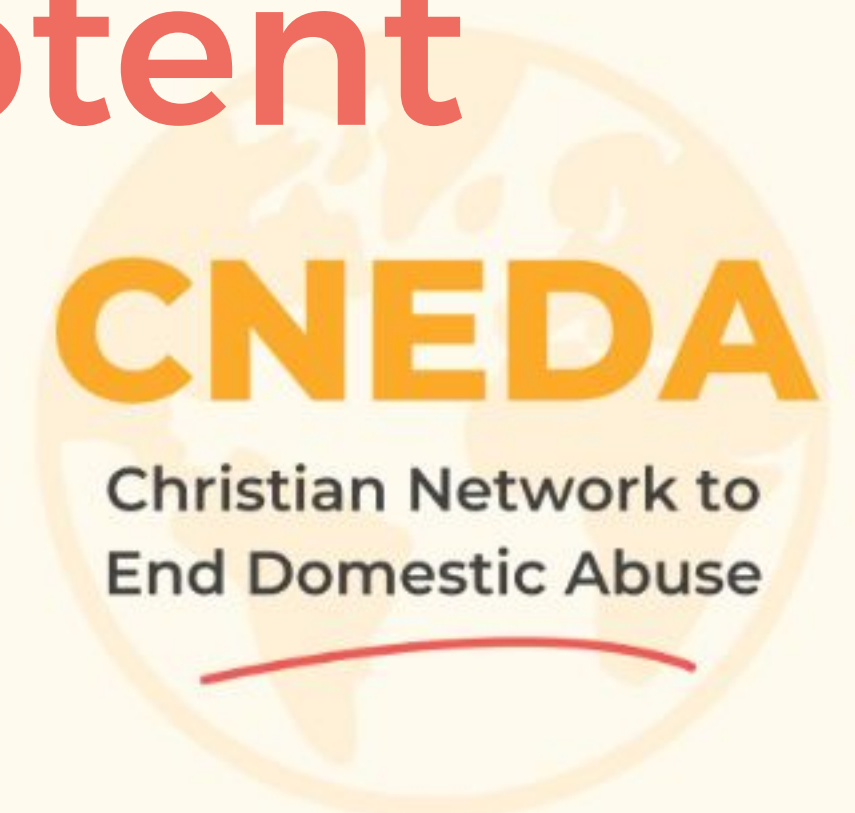
Potent humans

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

Genesis 1:26

God is omnipotent

We are potent



Systems of power

- Racism
- Classism
- Ableism
- Ageism
- Misogyny



The first system

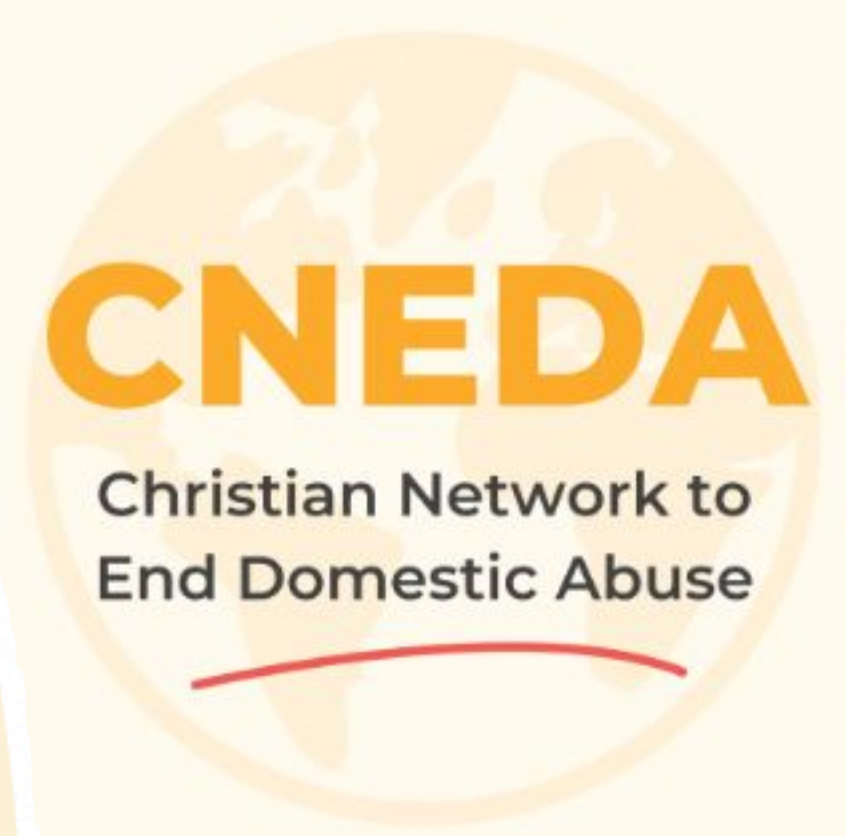
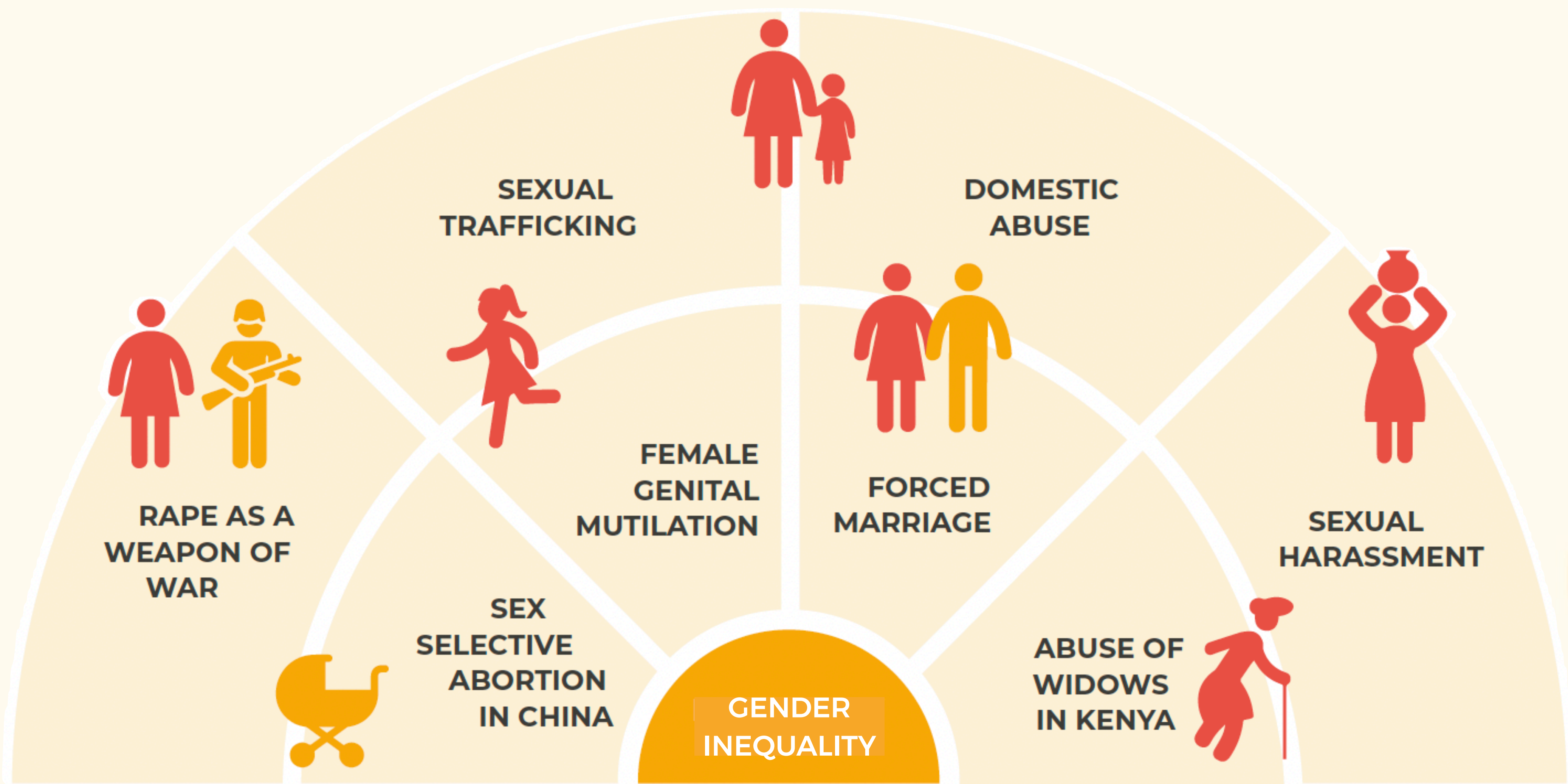
“He will rule over you”

*Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you.”*

Genesis 3:16



Misogyny worked out



**Any man, but not all
men**



The need for male allies

- Challenging traditional perspectives around masculinity
- Preaching a different story about the relationship between men and women
- Raising awareness of domestic abuse and working to end it
- Supporting survivors





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What do we learn from Gisèle Pelicot's trial?

Dr. Valérie Duval-Poujol



1st Teaching: Breaking the Taboo of Marital Rape and Chemical Submission

74% of rapes are committed by someone known to the victim, who may also be a family member, and 67% take place in the victim's or attacker's home.

Worldwide, one woman in 4 has experienced sexual violence by her partner. In France, it means 220,000 women a year suffer physical and sexual violence from their partner.

In France, for one in 6 women, the first sexual encounter was not consensual or desired.

43 countries still do not have legislation on the topic.





**Taboo about
chemical
submission**

The Culture of Rape



**Pseudo-
Teachings
from the
Bible
Facilitating
the Culture
of Rape**



The Importance of Consent



2nd Teaching: The Rapists, « Normal People »



**« Every man,
but not all men »**

3rd Teaching: The Courage of Gisèle Pelicot



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“Finally, I am thinking of the unrecognized victims whose stories often remain in the shadows. I want you to know that we share the same struggle.”



**4th Teaching:
The Determination
of the Police**

Conclusion





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**What can I do in
my community?**



Safer

A resource to help Australian churches understand, identify, and respond to domestic and family violence.

♥ Help us distribute this resource by [making a donation](#)

► EXPLORE THE RESOURCE



Across the world, across the nation, across our communities, we know that violence is being perpetrated. One of its quietest forms, dulled behind closed doors, is domestic and family

SAFER

Perpetrators

Keeping victims safe in churches means holding perpetrators accountable. It also means not ignoring their abuse, covering it up or enabling it to continue.

CONTENT WARNING

This page involves descriptions and discussion of the experiences and impacts of domestic and family violence. Some survivors might find its content troubling.

To stop domestic violence, we need to hold perpetrators accountable for their behaviour. *Remember, perpetrators are always fully responsible for their decision to abuse.* The best support you can provide for someone who uses violence is to hold them accountable for their choices and actions. Some will accept such pastoral support while others will reject it.

Although we recognise there are exceptions, and that men can also experience domestic and family violence, our conviction is that broadly domestic violence is a gendered issue, overwhelmingly committed by men.

Common Grace has been asked why this resource sometimes refers to men as perpetrators or “men who use violence” and women as victims. [Here is our answer.](#)

In this section:

- **Identifying men who use violence**
 - They are ordinary people
 - They can be likeable
 - Men who abuse, also don't abuse
 - Violence is always a choice
 - How abusers groom victims
- **How abusers can hide out in churches**
 - Pay attention to deeds not words

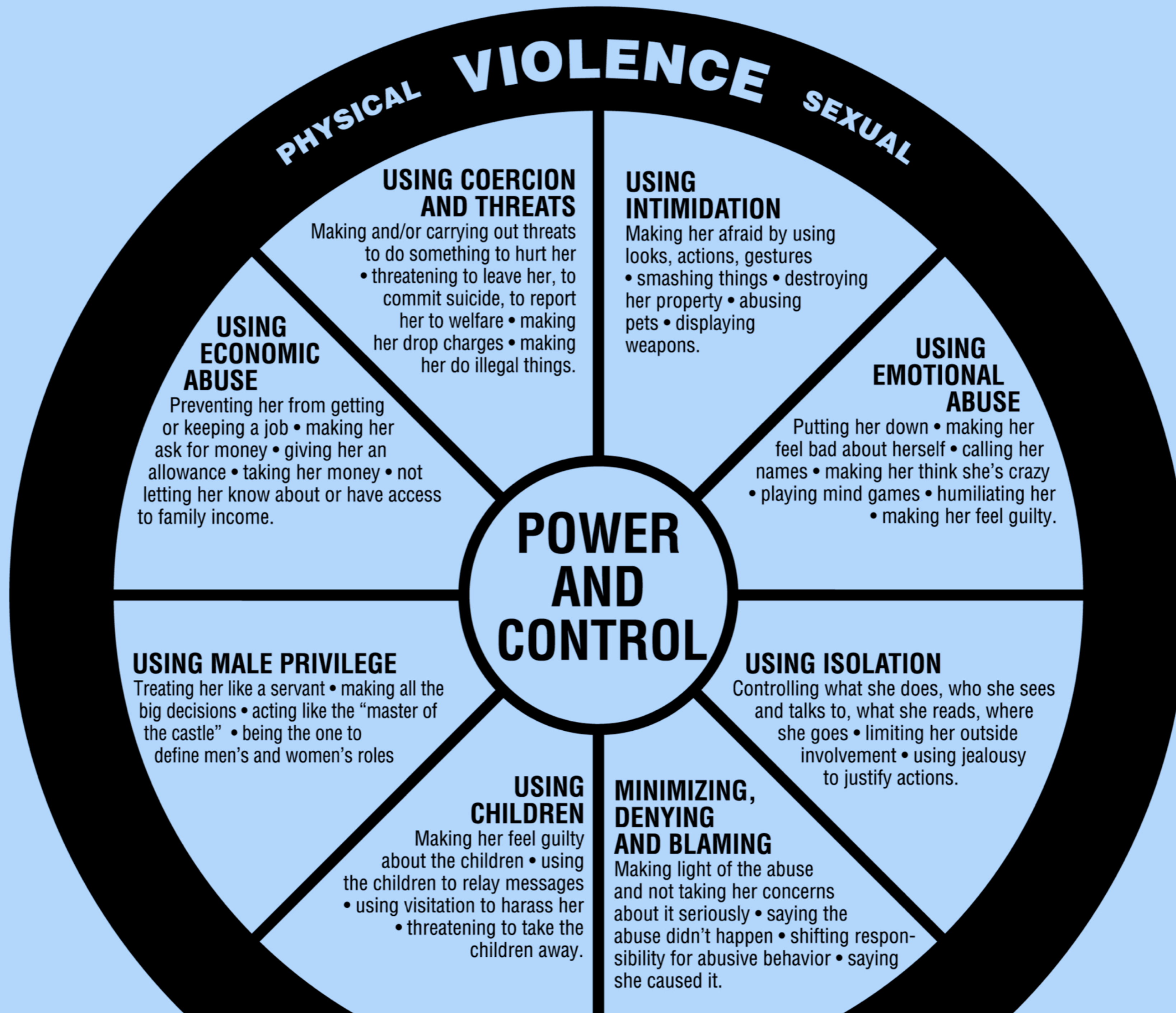
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Safer | Resources include...

- [Identifying men who use violence](#)
- [How abusers can hide out in churches](#)
- [What do we mean by male entitlement and male privilege?](#)
- [How churches can 'support' perpetrators](#)
- [How abusers can change](#)





Men's Nonviolence Classes Information:

We offer multiple days and times to attend group although placement will be based upon availability within the groups. Payment, attendance, and requirements for completion will be addressed directly during individual orientations.

Groups consist of up to 15 participants plus 2 facilitators.

The program is 27 weeks. Participants attend one group/class per week.

Completion typically occurs when the participant has successfully attended all 27 groups/classes and has paid for their program fees in full.

Program Overview:

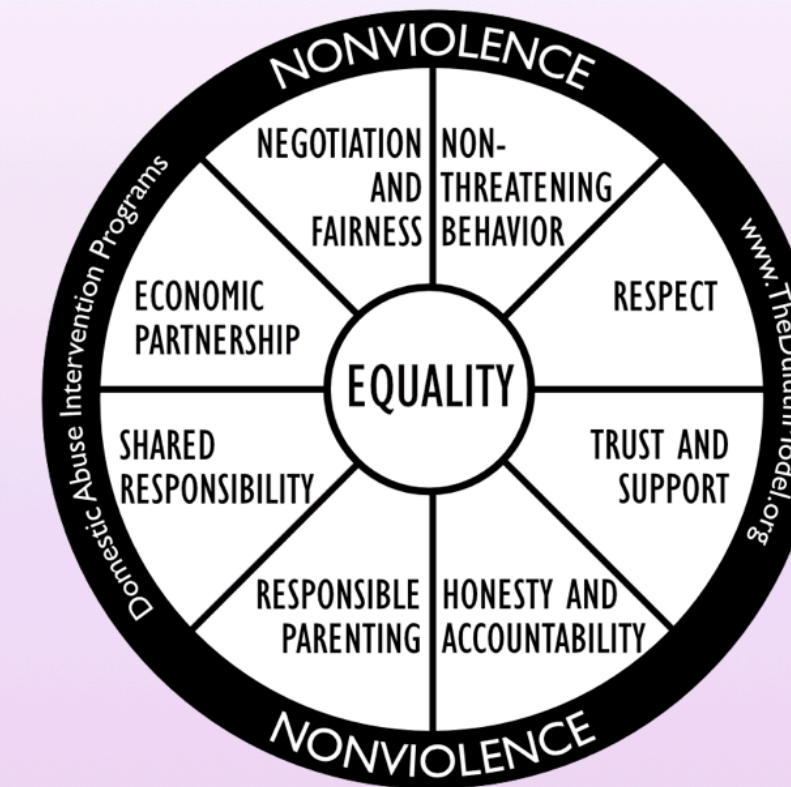
These classes help men to examine their belief system and behaviors that support violence, expand definitions of violence and controlling behaviors, discuss the effects of violence on women, children and himself, and identify and practice non-controlling alternatives.

The goals of the men's non-violence program at DAIP are:

- Stopping his violence and abusive behavior
- Understanding the effect of his violence and controlling behavior
- Accepting responsibility for his behavior and taking specific steps to change
- Learning to be respectful of her by listening, expressing feelings in a non-abusive way, and supporting her right to make her own choices about her day-to-day activities and life.

The topics covered in the curriculum include:

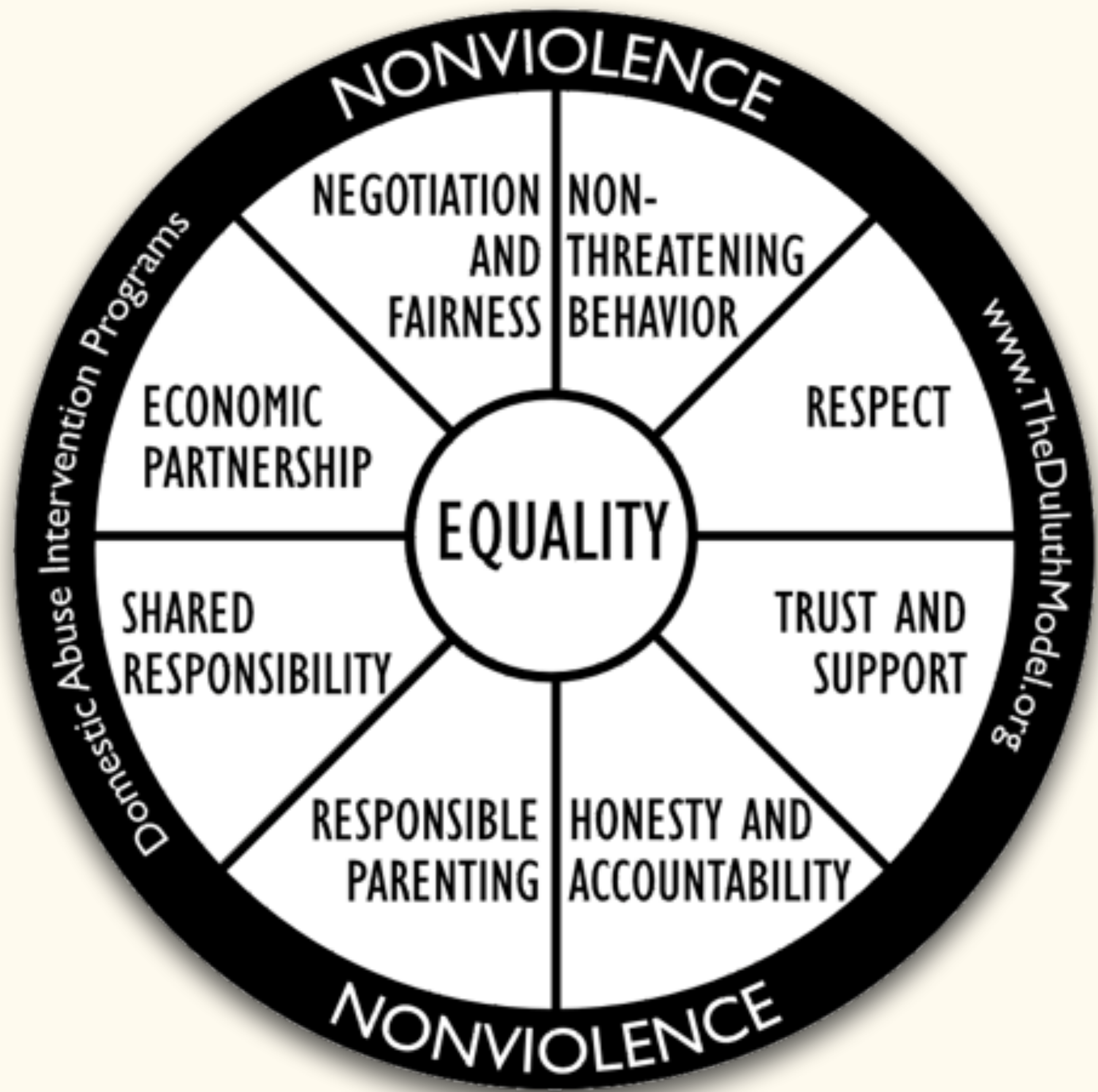
- Nonviolence
- Non-threatening behavior
- Respect
- Support and trust
- Accountability and honesty
- Sexual respect
- Shared responsibility
- Economic partnership
- Responsible parenting
- Negotiation and fairness



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How can we help you?

1) I want to

Help myself

Help someone else

Join the movement

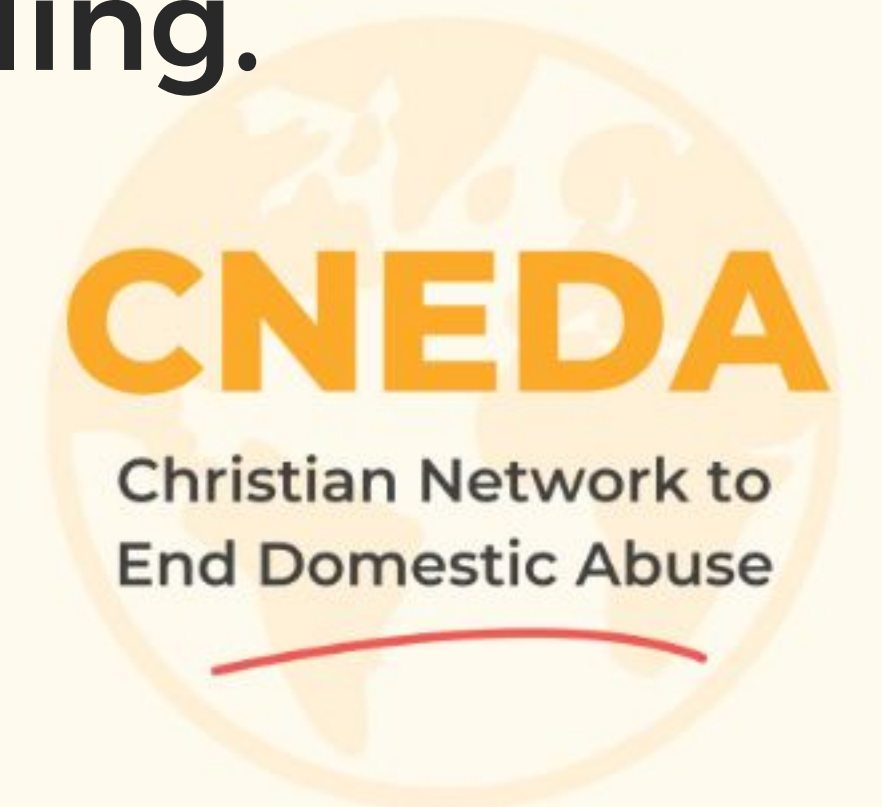
#MeToo

- After someone has disclosed to you, don't initiate conversation about the assault.
- Actively listen.
- Stick with affirming language.
- Maintain confidentiality at all times.
- Ask if there is anything they need from you.
Don't assume.



#MeToo

- Don't move into saviour mode.
This isn't about you; it's about them.
- You are there to listen not to act.
Let them make their own decisions about what action, if any, they will take.
- Make space for them to feel whatever emotions they are feeling.
- Don't ask for details.



“He had a sex quota for every week. When I didn't meet it, he punched me in the ribs and kicked me. I owed him sex according to the Bible verses he quoted to me.”

Shattering Silence Surviving Domestic Violence in the Church,” ABC News



HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

Domestic violence is an issue around the world. Educating and equipping yourself



HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Standing against domestic violence requires action. Learn how you can get



HOW CAN CHURCHES GET INVOLVED?

It is time for people of faith to unite.

Website Resource Links

- <https://www.saferresource.org.au>
- <https://www.theduluthmodel.org/about-us/mens-nonviolence-classes/>
- <https://metoomvmt.org/how-can-we-help-you/>
- <https://standagainstdv.net>







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