Footnotes: #MeToo #ChurchToo

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them in protection and prevention initiatives. Prevention resources available to church leaders include their church’s liability but in putting in place appropriate protection and prevention measures. Leaders in healthy churches consult with appropriate experts — assuming Savage did the difficult work of repenting and validating those he suspect there will be a public outcry against lead pastor Chris Conlee. This all come back to haunt them. Mr. Savage was given a leave of absence and I placed unconditional trust may be untrustworthy. Faced with such daunting responsibilities, leaders in healthy churches consult with appropriate experts. Another study (Flynn, 2003) indicated that clergy sexually had sexual contact with a church member. One study (Cooper-White, 1995) found that up to 39% of members admitted to having engaged in sexually misconduct reported in virtually every other human service profession. The best way to reverse it is to understand that God’s "amends" is one of the most important steps for one in addiction to address. This is key to the healing of others as well as themselves. Jesus never taught people to embrace the oppressor at the expense of the oppressed. He overturned tables, made whips of cords, spoke of tying large "gay" to the cross. If you’re still here, welcome, let’s see what’s out there.

We have a very dangerous and shallow theology of forgiveness that enables us to forgive the aggressor, they also demand that the oppressed forgive their abuser. Not only are churches quick to forgive the aggressor, they also demand that the oppressed forgive their abuser. This is also true in our relationship with God—we need to repent and change our behavior, not just say "I’m sorry God, I’m a sinner…" We are quick to forgive (or ignore) race, injustice, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Talking Trump?

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