

Abusive "Love"

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Nothing is more evil than taking advantage of a child. More people than will ever admit have experienced some sort of sexual impropriety growing up. If this happened to them by a parent, their psyche can be severely damaged. Imagine how the statement, "God is like your father," might sound to someone who was physically abused by a father.

God is not like an abusive parent in any way at all. If you, like so many others, were abused as a child, God cares and wants to heal you. Yes, heal you. He will even remove the pain your memories cause. He is this powerful!

He will heal the devastating effects these abuses caused. It will take some time, but God will replace the emptiness these experiences provoked and fill you with the knowledge of His good and pure love so much so that you will be able to forgive the offender.

It is also important to remember God does not cause or allow abuse. The offender is the one who is to blame.

"Jesus, help us to forgive those who abused us. Help us to love them as You have loved us. Help us not to repeat the damage done toward us with those You call us to love. Because You love us, we are supernaturally able to love others. Thank You for healing our pain and making us whole."

Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the Lord;

And He inclined to me,

And heard my cry.

He also brought me up out of a horrible pit,

Out of the miry clay,

And set my feet upon a rock,

And established my steps.

He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God;

Many will see it and fear,

And will trust in the Lord.