

Becoming a Healing Church

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Galatians 6:1-2

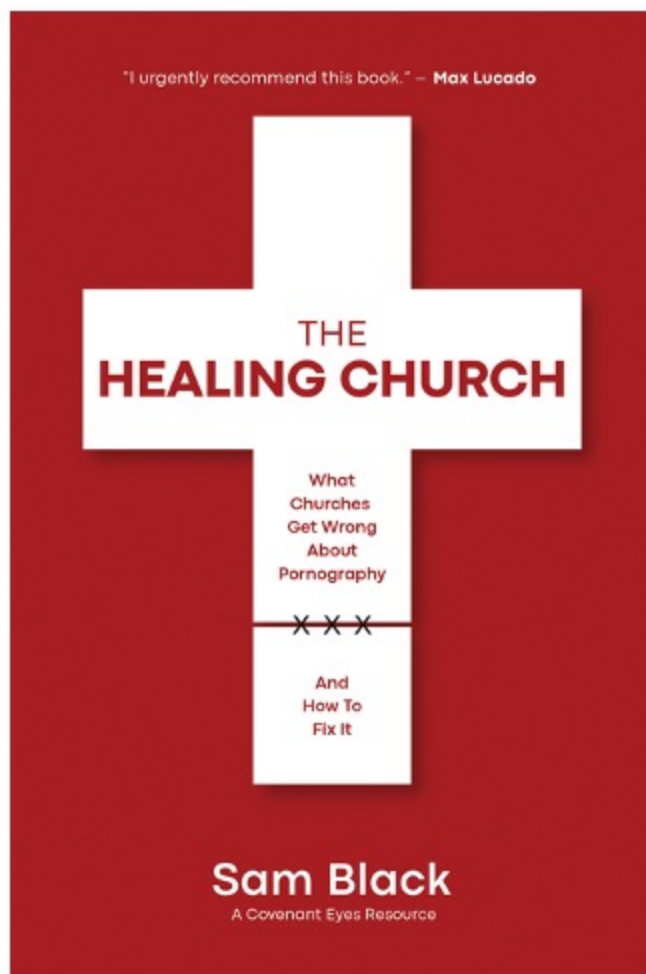
Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so that you also won't be tempted. Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:7-8

Don't be deceived; God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap, because the one who sows to his flesh will reap destruction of the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

Galatians 6:9-10

Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.



Endorsed by:

- **Focus on the Family**
- **The American Association of Christian Counselors**
- **Max Lucado**

What we will talk about

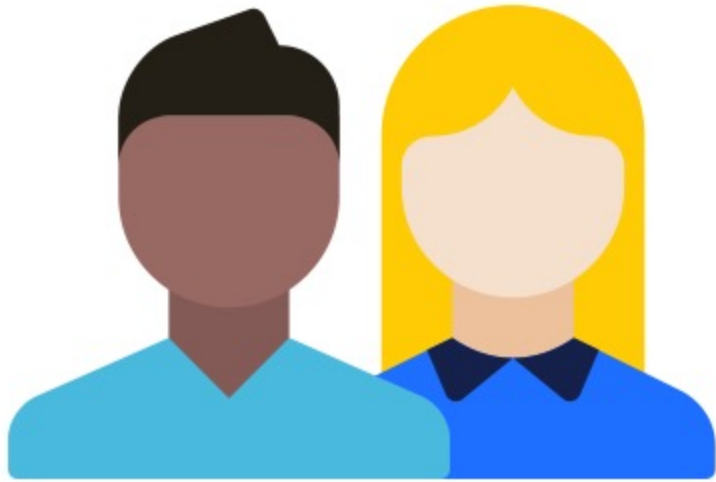
- 1 The Threat**
- 2 The Miry Clay**
- 3 The Healing Church**

Killing spiritual health



- **Children's ministry**
- **Teen ministry**
- **Men's ministry**
- **Marriage ministry**
- **Bible/prayer studies**
- **Volunteerism**

Pornography Impacts Kids



**46% of kids are exposed to
pornography on accident**

Porn Impacts Marriages



In 56% of divorces today, a major contributing factor is one spouse's continued use of pornography...

Porn Impacts Men & Women



**68% of church-going men
view porn on a regular
basis**



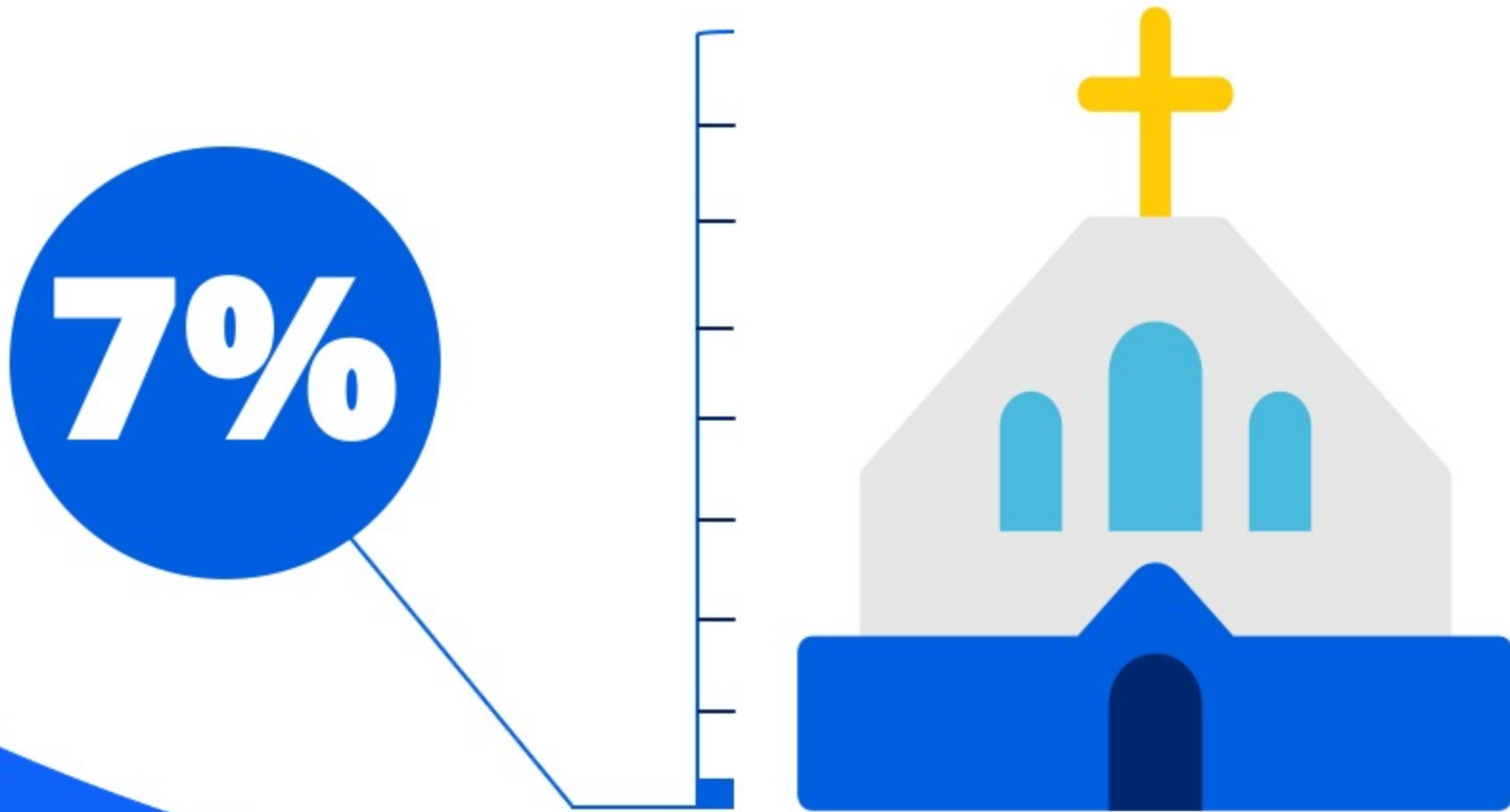
**33% of church-going
women view porn on a
regular basis**

Killing spiritual health



- **Increased religious doubts**
- **Less time prayer/scripture**
- **Reduced church attendance**
- **Less volunteerism**

Why is This Happening?



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Getting Stuck

1. **Early Exposure**
2. **Repetition**
3. **Trauma**



Lost Innocence



The average age of exposure to pornography is 9 years old

90% of children ages 8 to 16 have viewed pornography online, most while doing homework.

80% of teens ages 15 to 17 have had multiple exposures to hardcore porn.

89% of sexual solicitations of youth online are made in chat rooms.

67% of kids admit to clearing their browser history to hide Internet use from their parents.

Brain Science

Testosterone

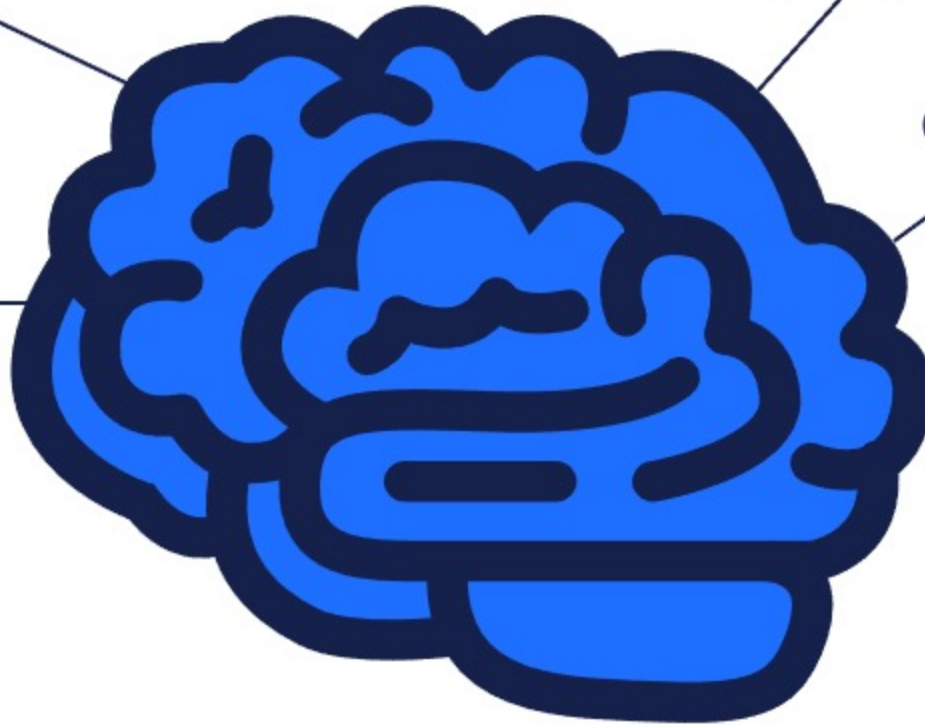
Norepinephrine

Oxytocin

Serotonin

Dopamine

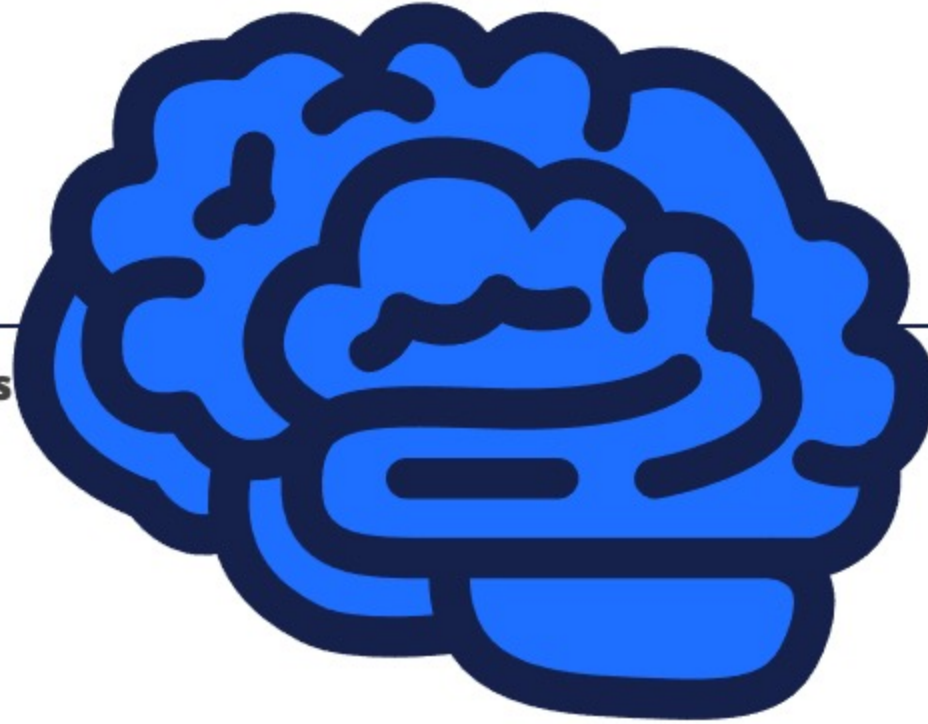
Elevated levels of dopamine in the brain produce extremely focused attention, as well as unwavering motivation, energy and goal-directed behaviors.



Brain Science

Pre-Frontal Cortex (thinking brain)

- **Considers consequences**
- **Regulates emotions**
- **Makes decisions**



Limbic System (feeling brain)

- **Attracted to novelty & risk**
- **Driven by reward**

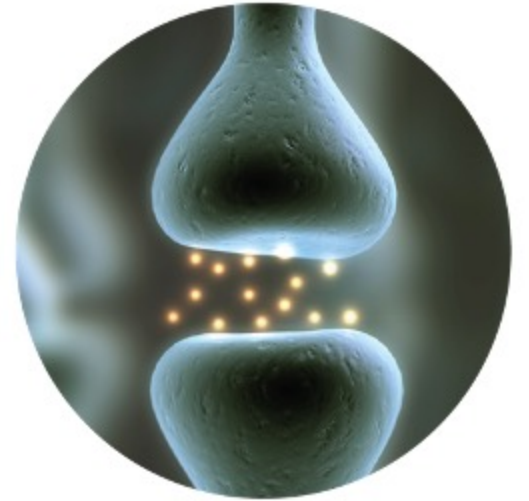
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Creating Neural Pathways

- 1 Use it or lose it**
- 2 Neurons that fire together wire together**
- 3 Repetition engrains neural pathways**



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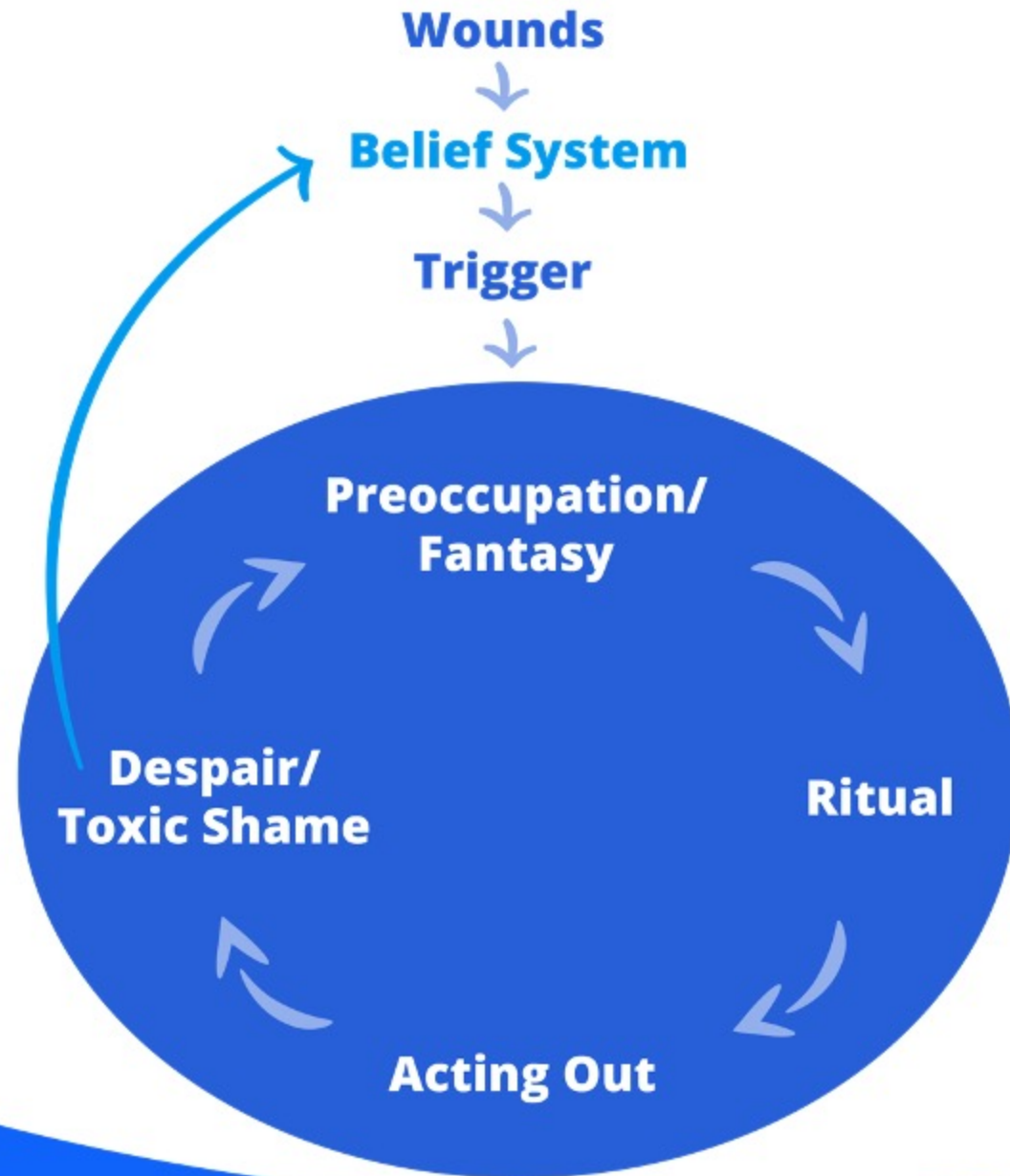
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Careless Cuts

- **Parental absence**
- **Feeling unwanted**
- **Divorce**
- **Rigid Rules**





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**The Church is God's Plan A.
There is no Plan B.**

James 5:16

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.”

Very Safe

Safe

Unsafe



**Open Sin
No Change**

**Called to
Transform**

**Hiding and
No Change**

How can I be part of a healing church?



Let kids be kids a little longer

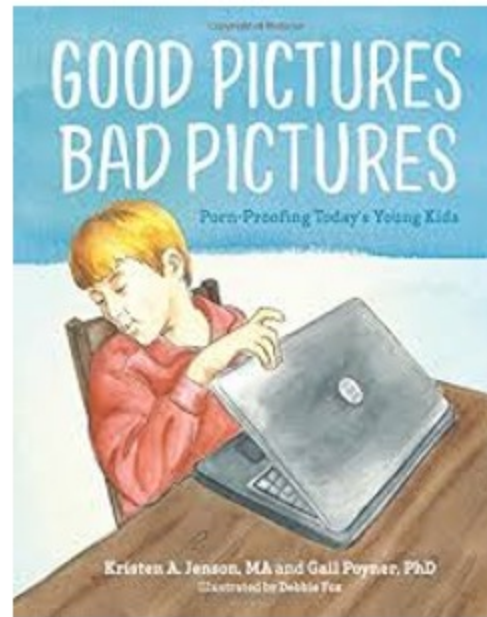
WAIT UNTIL 8TH

TAKE THE PLEDGE

Four Myths Parents Believe

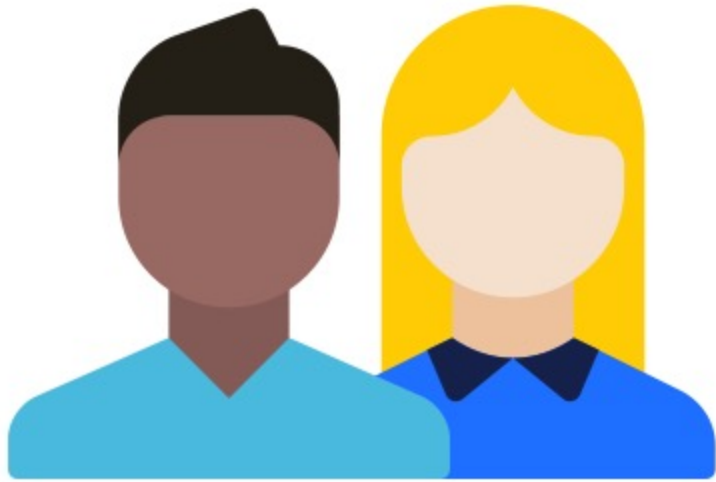
- 1 My kid is a good kid and wouldn't do that**
- 2 If my child saw it, he/she would just look away**
- 3 The measures I have in place are good enough**
- 4 Boys are the only ones who struggle**

Tools for your family



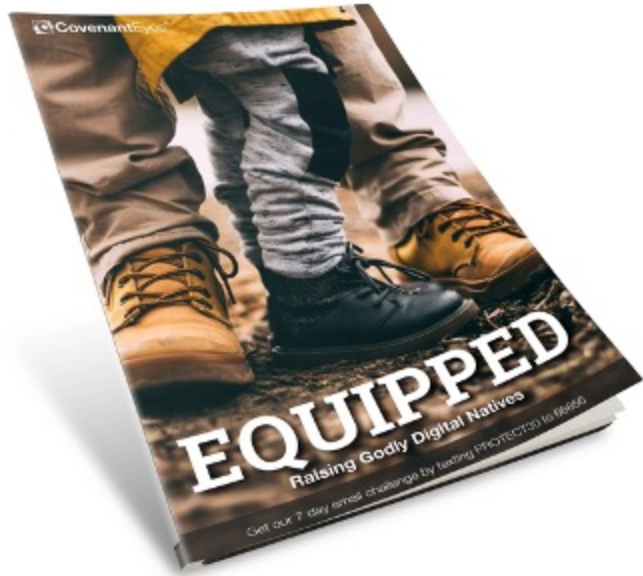
Find these at defendyoungminds.com

Equip Your Teens



- **Challenge them to consider complexities**
- **Share your values**
- **Ask what they would do**
- **Encourage open dialogue**
- **Ask open ended questions**
- **Admit when you just don't know**

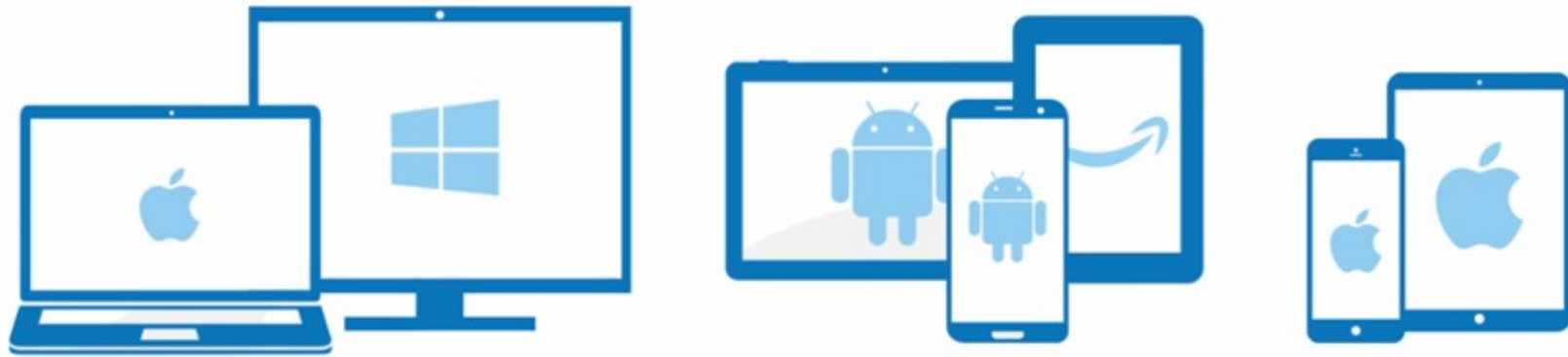
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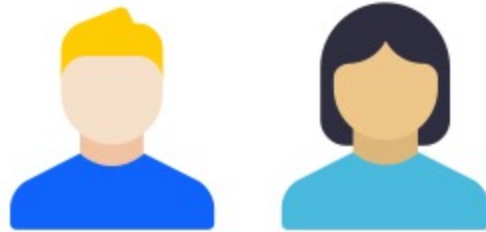
CovenantEyes.com/resources

Protect the Devices

Covenant Eyes Screen Accountability™ and Filtering is available on most computers, smartphones, and tablets.



Support Spouses



Safe Place

Safe process

The Journey



Transformation

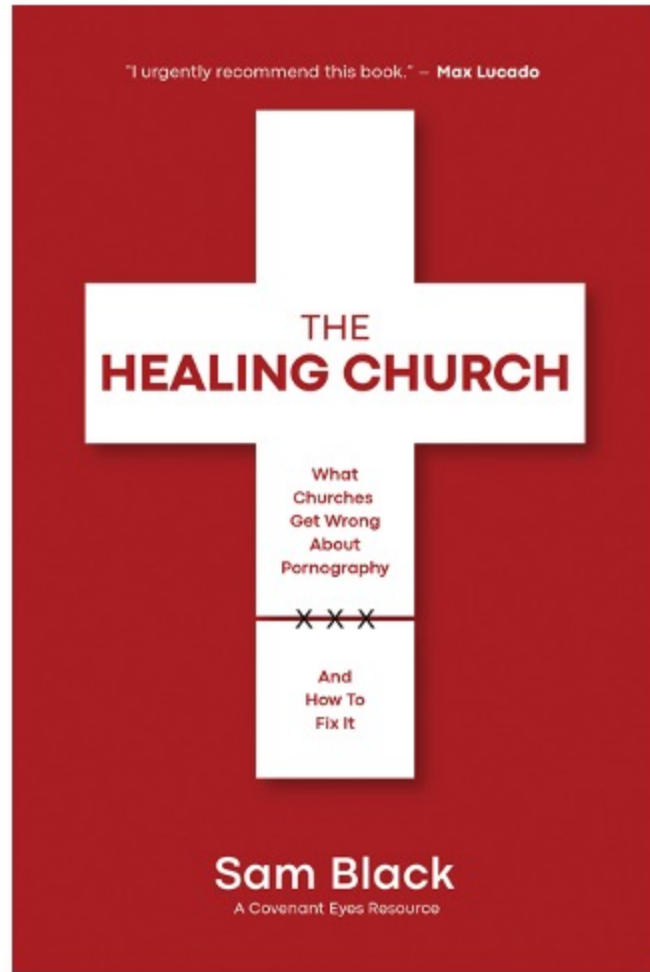


- **Increased church attendance**
- **Stronger faith**
- **Greater wholeness**
- **More volunteerism**

Transformation



- **Healing wounds**
- **Self-aware**
- **Spiritually-aware**
- **Gives back**



Can you commit?

- **Lean on grace**
- **Protect kids**
- **Care and listen**
- **Engage as a church**

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