

ENGAGE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

TRAFFICKING PREVENTION GUIDE



We are so thankful that you want to engage in the fight against trafficking. With more than 50 million slaves in the world today it is going to take all of us standing up and using our voice, time and talents to bring hope to enslaved women and children!

Over the last few decades, in the fight against trafficking, we've had the honor of walking with so many incredible people as they've found their place in the fight; watching as they've gone from just learning about the problem to actively engaging in being part of the solution. The innovation and incredible hope that has come from this is humbling.

Our goal for this tool is to equip you with these same principles that so many have used, which come from our SOS Values: See, Engage, Belong and Build.

“People generally see what they look for, and hear what they listen for.”
- Harper Lee,
"To Kill A Mockingbird"

This is in no way a, “3-step” process or a, “do x, y and z,” but there are 6 tried and true principles that we believe will help you find your place in the fight:

1. Educate yourself
2. Commit to holding the tension
3. Make a commitment to be a voice
4. Lean into difficult conversations
5. Ask the right questions
6. Start where you are

This tool was designed to take you through each of the 6 steps and offer practical ways to start today. We are cheering you on in this process and we desperately need you in the fight.

Thanks for joining us!

-The SOS Team

SEE
You will not see
what you
are not looking for.



1. Educate Yourself

The first step in finding your place in the fight is to become educated on Human Trafficking, Exploitation and Abuse. In the graphic below we offer a few ways we recommend that you start as well as a few of our favorite resources.

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Recommended tools to learn more about Human Trafficking, Exploitation and Abuse.



JusticeU Trainings
www.learnwithjusticeu.com

These tools equip everyday citizens with tools to go from concerned to capable. Level up and earn badges to share your subject matter expertise as you are equipped to spot trafficking.



Read books written by survivors to expand your understanding of how this impacts lives.

Some of our favorites are: In Pursuit of Love by Rebecca Bender, Cherished by Polly Wright; Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets by Carissa Phelps and Sex Trafficking - A Trauma Informed Approach for Parents and Professionals by Savannah J. Sanders



Check out these resources

- The TIP report is released by the Department of State every year for the most accurate and up to date statistics and trends around trafficking.
- The SOS Human Trafficking Toolkit is available at sosresponds.org
- Shared Hope International has great information to offer including their Webinars and Trainings as well as their report cards for each state.
- Watch some documentaries (viewer discretion advised) A few that we recommend include- Nefarious Merchant of Souls, I am Jane Doe, and Half the Sky

For more information and resources visit
www.sosresponds.org

“Ears that hear and eyes that see —
the Lord has made them both.”

- King Solomon

As you learn, commit to a survivor-centric perspective that advocates and empowers those enslaved. Understand the impacts of legalized prostitution and trafficking. A few countries to research in this include Netherlands, Costa Rica, Germany and Greece. Legalizing prostitution fuels human trafficking.

In our education and advocacy work we need to intentionally build a worldview that sees the enslaved, victims of grooming and the larger implications of legalized prostitution and how it fuels trafficking.

2. Commit To Holding The Tension

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN PRACTICALLY CARRY THE TENSION:

You reconcile the fact that there won't be easy solutions. It is messy. Every situation is unique and requires a compassionate individual approach.

You recognize the truth that healing comes in standing side-by-side with someone through messy situations, knowing you don't have the answers, but your presence and support makes a difference.

You don't stop wrestling with the struggle, you don't turn off your heart, you stay in the fight.

You allow your heart to be broken over and over again.

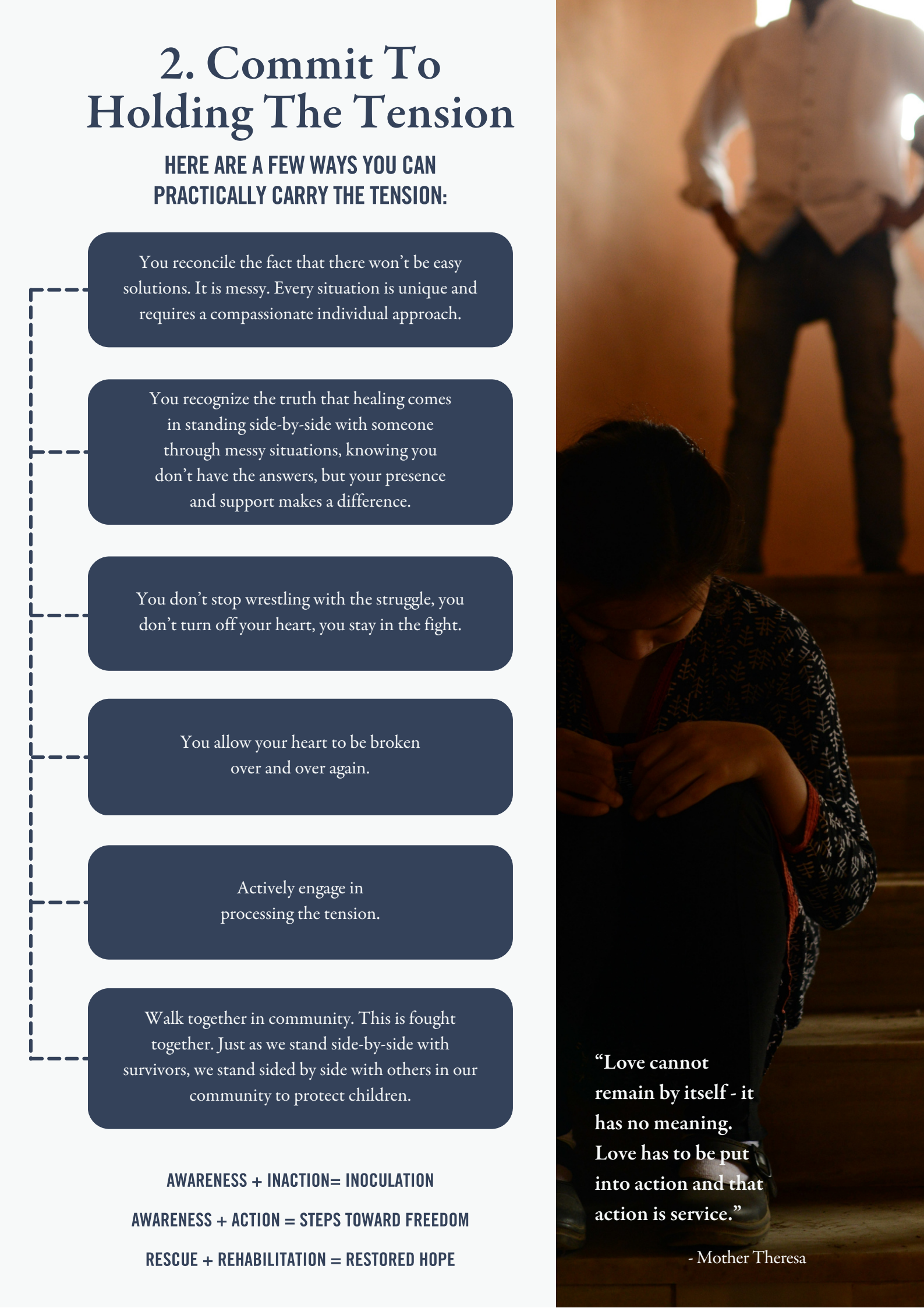
Actively engage in processing the tension.

Walk together in community. This is fought together. Just as we stand side-by-side with survivors, we stand sided by side with others in our community to protect children.

AWARENESS + INACTION = INOCULATION

AWARENESS + ACTION = STEPS TOWARD FREEDOM

RESCUE + REHABILITATION = RESTORED HOPE

A photograph of a woman sitting on concrete steps, looking down with a somber expression. She is wearing a dark patterned cardigan over a red top and dark pants. In the background, a man in a light-colored shirt and dark pants stands with his hands on his hips, looking towards the camera. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an indoor or nighttime setting.

“Love cannot remain by itself - it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service.”

- Mother Theresa



3. Make A Commitment To Be A Voice

**SEE SOMETHING.
SAY SOMETHING.**

- Become an avid observer, a noticer of the details in your environment. You are the eyes and ears in your community.

Don't assume someone else will see. When something seems off, it usually is.

- Know about your local anti-trafficking law enforcement departments and about federal anti trafficking departments.

Be aware of grooming and how grooming can turn into trafficking.

**Add the National Trafficking Hotline
to your contacts in your phone.**

Phone: 1-800-373-7888

Text HELP to 233733

4. Lean Into Difficult Conversations Around Hard Topics, Like Pornography

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM.

This is a difficult subject to approach, but make no mistake - it is central to the fight. We can't ignore the elephant in the room if we are going to fight this battle together. Pornography fuels human trafficking by creating an insatiable demand. We must stop the demand and we will stop trafficking.

Decide that you will embrace online ethical living by not supporting pornography in any way with your clicks or your dollars and encouraging others in your life to do the same.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

- Edmund Burke

A FEW WAYS YOU CAN DO THIS ARE:

Educate yourself and others on the damaging effects of pornography.

- [Covenant Eyes Porn Stats](#)
- [Exodus Road - Facts](#)
- [Documentary: Raised on Porn](#)

Empower and equip yourself and others to walk with integrity.

- [Online Safety Tips](#)
- [Protect Young Eyes: Digital Security for parents.](#)
- [Ebook: Equipped produced by Covenant Eyes](#)

BELONG

You belong in this fight.
Children belong in healthy communities.



**95% OF GIRLS
BORN IN A RED
LIGHT DISTRICT
WILL DIE IN
CAPTIVITY.**

5. ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

Our goal for these questions is to take it from facts and things we are learning about, to putting it to action; making it personal and connecting with how you can make a difference. Asking the right questions is integral to this process.

HERE ARE A FEW GOOD QUESTIONS TO START WITH:

- **“What is in my hand?”**
 - How am I uniquely equipped with my skills, talents and sphere of influence to address trafficking?
- **Be willing to ask “what am I supposed to do about this?”**
 - How do I use where I am and what I have to make a difference?
 - What professional skills do I have that I could lend to the anti trafficking movement?

As you seek to answer these questions, another great tool is to take a self-assessment/self-inventory. Two we like are found below.

- Justice U
[Engage Together Toolkit](#)
- Rebecca Bender’s
[“Find Your Lane Assessment”](#)

“We want true belonging, but it takes tremendous courage to knowingly walk into hard moments.”

- Brene Brown

BUILD

Together we can end trafficking by building resilient communities full of hope.

USE YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA TO HELP IN THE FIGHT

- **Social Media Influence:**
If you have social media - you have influence. Simply sharing your heart for freedom and resharing reputable posts through social media is a great way to begin a conversation and invite others to join you in the fight.

- Consider becoming a [Brand Influencer](#)



**THERE ARE 50
MILLION SLAVES
IN THE WORLD.**

**1 IN 4
IS A CHILD.**

6. START WHERE YOU ARE

We know there are at-risk people groups who are more vulnerable to trafficking than others. If you can see the vulnerable, so can the traffickers. A trafficker identifies the vulnerabilities of potential victims and offers to meet those specific unmet needs. A healthy community builds safety, healing and resources for those who need it most.

One of the best ways to combat trafficking on a local level, is by working with Local Care Networks who have already identified the at-risk and have developed sustainable solutions.

SOME PRACTICAL WAYS YOU CAN BUILD STRENGTH IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING:

Become a foster parent or rally around foster parents with support.

Volunteer at summer camps or VBS for at-risk children.

Volunteer with, or resource organizations who work with homeless youth.

Commit to supporting a local youth group.

Become a mentor through local schools or organizations.

Stock a local food pantry.

Volunteer to help single parents.

Help out at an after-school center.

Provide resources for refugees.

Become a monthly financial partner.

Know the Mental Health and Domestic Violence resources within your community and help guide people to those resources.

“ There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about. - Margaret J, Wheatley ”

**Meet a few people who've embraced this process to
find their place in the fight and are making a
difference using their skills and passion:**

Brooke Sailer

Interior Designer

Created the trauma informed Interior Design of Casa Esperanza

“When I look at this house, I see possibility. I see hope. Yes, at first glance some walls need torn down, tile replaced, rooms need repaired. Yet, even so I see a home brimming with possibility of restoration. It is an honor to partner with God to build the home that He will use to rebuild the hearts of these women.”

Lauren and Chris J.

Lauren and Chris own a local hair salon. As they were hearing the stories of trafficking around the world, they dared to ask, “What can I do?” Lauren and Chris are now helping to train women in the art of hair cutting, styling and coloring. They are helping young ladies find a way to earn a living wage. It is amazing to watch the confidence, courage and joy grow in these young ladies as they are learning. Lauren and Chris have found a way to use their talent and resources to help change the destiny in desperate lives.

Deputy Biggs

President of one of our Local Care Networks, he goes into areas of his community with high crime rates to foster better relationships between citizens and law enforcement. He builds trust and relationship in these communities where it was lacking. He is building resilience and lowering crime rates through relationships and connection.

Chelsea and Will B. -

a military family began to understand the connection between meeting basic needs (food & water) and trafficking. They rallied their community to drill water wells and provide a food truck to take basic needs to rural areas.

Jennifer S. -

became passionate about feeding when she visited an apartment complex where refugees were resettled. She is using her influence and connections to provide food and hope for at-risk children.

As you continue to find your place in the fight, know our team is here as a guide to help resource you and answer questions.

We want to help you find your place in the solution.

We'd love to connect with you. Find us on socials, engage with our newsletter for the latest resources and ways that you can bring hope to many in need. Have a question or a great idea, DM us on socials and let's chat!

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