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Scenarios for Domestic Violence Awareness

- You are 19 and a teenage mom. All you can remember as a child is the abuse your mom faced. Promising yourself that your life would be different you saw marriage as a way out and became pregnant. You and your boyfriend are living together and will be married one day. You have no job and no car and are pregnant again. You have heard that you don't deserve to be abused but you aren't sure anymore...
- For the past 30 years you've taken it. Now, your last child has finished college and is living on his own. You hear your husband slam the car door and mutter under his breath. You have never worked outside of the home. The college education you had is outdated. You wonder how you would explain leaving to your children. What will you say when your grandbaby is older? ...
- You are the wife of a pastor. He is well loved and well respected by his congregation. You have two beautiful children and are deeply involved in the church. No one suspects he is beating you. The parsonage and health insurance goes with his job, which he will lose if you leave. Even worse, if you divorce, he may not be able to work as a pastor again. Since you've never worked outside of the home you have no job skills. You wonder what to do.
- You are a construction worker in your mid-twenties. All the guys at work talk about is being "the man". It's dark and time to leave and your stomach clenches. You don't know what you are going to find at home. Will things be thrown at you or names called? You pass off the pinch marks on your arms as bruises from the job. You see a billboard advertising the Family Violence Crisis Line and wonder...
- Your marriage has been over for a long time. When you start to broach the subject of leaving she threatens to hurt herself and starts to cry. Then, she gets mad and throws your things and clothes into the yard and breaks your tools and your DVD player by doing so. She says that she isn't willing to live without you. You don't see yourself as a victim of domestic violence and you wonder what to do.