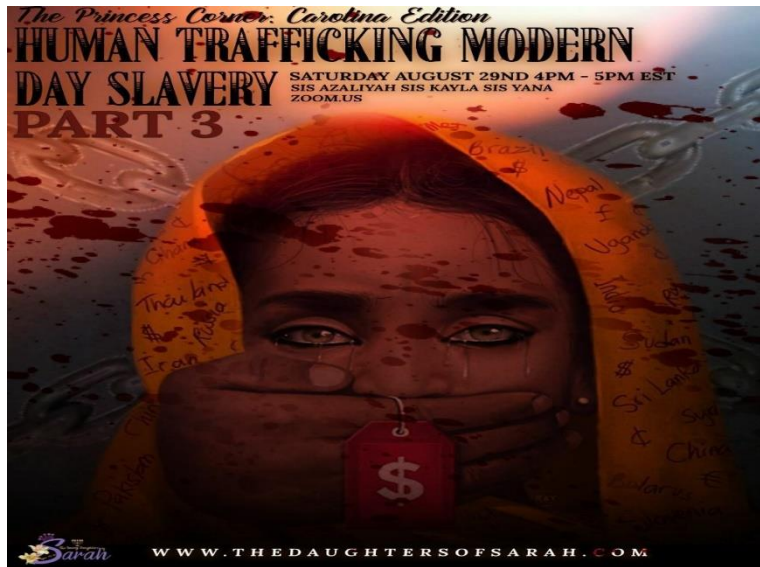


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PARENTAL ADVISORY EXPLICIT CONTENT

- **Sis Azaliyah:** I will be continuing on the statistics of trafficking, runaway, throwaway, give away children, and family being prostituted by their own family members.
- **Ecclesiasticus 6:7 (KJV)**

7 If thou wouldest get a friend, prove him first and be not hasty to credit him.

Sis Azaliyah: Speaking from experience, this scripture isn't only talking about proving a friend, it is also referring to proving your own family members. Between the ages of 5-7 I was sexually assaulted and molested. A lot of times our people don't confess the things that happened to us as children until we get into adulthood. We often carry that baggage around and allow it to affect our lives and our futures. Prove everyone who you come in contact with and be aware of your surroundings.

“Every 73 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted. And every 9 minutes, that victim is a child. Meanwhile, only 5 out of every 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison.”

OF ALL VICTIMS UNDER 18, 2 OUT OF 3 ARE AGES 12-17

-34% under the age of 12

-66% ages 12-17

- One in 9 girls and 1 in 53 boys under the age of 18 experience sexual abuse or assault at the hands of an adult.

- 82% of all victims under 18 are female

- Females ages 16-19 are 4 times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault

The effects of child sexual abuse can be long-lasting and affect the victim's mental health. Victims are more likely than non-victims to experience the following mental health challenges:

About 4 times more likely to develop symptoms of drug abuse

About

4 times more likely to experience PTSD as adults

About 3 times

more likely to experience a major depressive episode as adults

Sis Azaliyah: You need to make sure that you know who you are talking to and make sure that your parents know where you are at all times. If you see something, say something.

Homeless youth are at high risk for involvement in the criminal justice system. Homeless youth who have been physically abused are almost twice as likely to be incarcerated compared to homeless youth without a history of physical abuse (Yoder of 2013)

- 80% of runaway and homeless girls reported having ever been sexually or physically abused. (Mother et al, 1998)
- 34% of runaway youth (girls and boys) reported sexual abuse before leaving home. (Molnar et al, 1998)
- 43% of runaway youth (girls and boys) reported physical abuse before leaving home (Molnar et al, 1998)

Childhood abuse increases youths' risk for later victimization on the street. Physical abuse is associated with elevated risk of assaults for runaway and homeless youth, while sexual abuse is associated with higher risk of rape for runaway and homeless youth (Molnar et al 1998)

Over 70% of runaway and throwaway youth in 2002 were estimated to be endangered, based on 17 indicators of harm or potential risk.

The most common endangerment component was physical or sexual abuse at home or fear of abuse upon return. The second most common endangerment component was the youth's substance dependency

Sis Azaliyah: A lot of this stuff could be prevented by three things; parents need to raise their children according to the laws, statutes, and commandments, children should not be trying to grow up faster than they should, and we need to speak when we see anything that appears to be wrong. A lot of us sisters will hold on to that pain of being molested or touched as children, but we are not supposed to be doing that according to the scriptures.

- **Philippians 3:13 (KJV)**

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Sis Azaliyah: I'm trying to get my crown; we cannot let things from the past get in the way of that. You have to keep pushing and moving because if you don't, you are giving that person who hurt you, the power over your life and freedom.

Children who are victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) and youth over 18 who engage in sexual acts as a result of coercion, fraud, or force are also considered to be victims of human trafficking under federal statute. This applies to children and youth engaged in pornography sexual entertainment industries, "survival sex" (trading sex to meet youth's basic needs for food and shelter), and prostitution Children are considered to be victims of trafficking even when they seem to be engaging willingly in sexual acts. CSEC is the most common form of human trafficking of US citizens and runaway and homeless youth are often its victims.

There are a number of factors that can increase the likelihood of CSE among youth including maternal substance abuse and social alienation (Reid & Piquero 2014)

African American male youth are at heightened risk for CSE among males, whereas female youth of all races or ethnicities have similar levels of CSE risk (Reid & Piquero 2014)

Youth victims of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) have particularly severe symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, truancy, and conduct disorder when compared to youth victims of sexually abused/assaulted youth who were not exploited in commercial sex.

Sis Azaliyah: Never looking back. It doesn't benefit anyone, including yourself, to look back on your past. The only time you should look back is to say that you have overcome and grown. If you keep wallowing in your self-pity, you're not growing, and you are definitely not helping anyone. If you have this issue, you need to speak to the people who can actually help you move past the pain that you are in.

- **Galatians 5:1 (KJV)**

5 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

- **1 Corinthians 15:58 (KJV)**

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Sis Kayla: It is very important that the people who have been affected by these things in their childhood, to speak out about it because it happens a lot. So, we have been going over; statistics, the types of people who are sold into sex trafficking, troubled homes, different branches of human trafficking, situations of abductions, and the mind of a human trafficker. Today, I would like to share the different ways to prevent yourself from being sold into human trafficking.

-Link to video discussed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtE-35wTtfg>

Sis Kayla: We need to be watchful in everything. Hopefully with everything that we have been bringing out, you are all taking heed to it and you will start abiding in it.

- **James 2:26 (KJV)**

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Sis Kayla: It doesn't help for us to know about all of the ways to prevent being kidnapped or human trafficked if we are not acting upon them.

- **Hebrews 13:17 (KJV)**

17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Sis Kayla: We are all here for each and every one of you. Whether it is your parents, an auntie, or a big sister, you should take the counsel that they give to you because they watch for your soul.

- **1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)**

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

- **Matthew 26:41(KJV)**

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Sis Kayla: You may think that just because you keep the commandments that nothing can happen to you. You can't always fight off the people who are looking to try to take you into human trafficking and things like that. Abide in the commandments and the scriptures will guide you to what you should be doing.

- **Ecclesiasticus 12:10 (KJV)**

10 Never trust thine enemy: for like as iron rusteth, so is his wickedness.

Sis Kayla: Although we know that our main enemy is Esau, we have to keep in mind that we have enemies within our own people. There may be someone in your family or someone who lives under the same roof as you who doesn't have your best interest at heart, be watchful and don't trust everyone.

-Link to video discussed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuqc7dNDOKw>

- **Proverbs 18:10 (KJV)**

10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe.

-Link to video discussed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9QkfBu3yhc>

Sis Kayla: If you are righteous and keeping the commandments, it will keep you from the snares and traps that the enemy has set up in the world but, you still have to use wisdom. Listen and obey those that have rule over you and don't take the information given to you for granted.

- **Proverbs 27:12 (KJV)**

12 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Sis Yana: So, I just want to continue going over how to stay safe from being abducted.

In a Car

Be aware of your surroundings if traveling by vehicle.

- Check in and around your car before entering to ensure that no one is hiding inside or nearby
- Keep car doors locked and windows up at all times.
- If suspicious people approach you when you are stopped at, or approaching, a red light, run the light if the situation appears dangerous.
- Do not pick up hitchhikers.
- If you see an accident or a stranded motorist, report it from the nearest telephone instead of stopping. Try not to stop or become involved.
- When you drive someone to their home or hotel, ensure they are safely inside before driving away, and make them do the same for you.
- If possible, park only in well-lit, heavily traveled areas.
- If dark, try to park close to building.
- Try not to park next to vans or trucks, as you can be easily pulled inside.
- Check your surroundings before getting out of your car.

Experienced kidnapers often conduct surveillance on potential victims using cars; therefore, be wary of the same cars following you for long periods of time.

- Vary driving routes and times to and from work if possible.
- Change cars from time to time.
- Note vulnerable spots, like blind turns, on your most commonly traveled routes.
- Plan an accessible escape route.

On the Street

If walking to your destination, use these tips to avoid kidnapping.

- Tell a trusted person where you will be, who you will be with and when you expect to return.
- If you sense someone is following you when you get off a bus or train, walk toward a well-populated area.

- Do not wear headphones or read while walking or standing on the street.
- When on the street, walk facing oncoming traffic. It will be harder for someone in a vehicle to abduct you.
- Do not hitchhike.
- Try to maintain a low profile.
- Modify your fashion style, toning-down colors and accessories.
- Wear comfortable clothing; women should avoid wearing high heels, which are difficult to run in if attempting to escape.
- Avoid wearing clothing with long straps such as scarves, necklaces, and purses.
- Try to not overload yourself with packages.
- Stay off the street if you are alone and upset or under the influence of medications or alcohol.
- Avoid using outside ATMs at night or in unfamiliar surroundings.
- Avoid isolated or poorly lit restrooms and be extra careful in stairwells.
- Do not get in an elevator with someone who makes you uncomfortable. In an elevator, stand near the controls and locate the emergency button.

If You Are Kidnapped

The initial phase of a kidnapping provides the best opportunities to escape.

- If you are in a public area at the time of an abduction attempt, make as much commotion as possible to draw attention to your situation.
- If the abduction attempt takes place in your hotel room, make noise, attempt to arouse the suspicion or concern of hotel employees or of those in neighboring rooms.
- If the attempted abduction takes place while you are in your car, do not leave your car even under duress, use time to your advantage and passively resist.
- Understand that your abduction will likely be brought to the attention of authorities and the process of notification and search will begin, although it might be hours or days before your absence is reported
- If abducted, follow your captors' instructions; do not physically resist.

- **Deuteronomy 22:23-24 (KJV)**

23 If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her;

24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

- **1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)**

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Sis Yana: To be sober means to be free from alcohol, drugs, worldly lusts and desires. Don't let others cloud your judgement. To be vigilant means to keep careful watch of possible danger. We need to always be vigilant. All we have to do is follow the instructions and examples within the bible and we will be kept safe.

-Link to video discussed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KyeJuEfXA7w>

Sis Yana: This video just validates that Southern and Northern Kingdom are the same people. We are oppressed together.

- **Jeremiah 50:33 (KJV)**

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah were *oppressed together*: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

Sis Yana: She mentioned that the sex trafficking was a direct result of colonization when Columbus came to the Americas, he sex trafficked young girls ages 8-9. The same thing happened when Southern Kingdom was brought through the Transatlantic Slave Trade. We have always been the sex slaves, laborers, entertainment, and the experiments. We are all in this together.

- **Psalm 124:2-3 (KJV)**

2 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

- **Isaiah 1:9 (KJV)**

9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

Sis Yana: It is all because of The Most High that we are still here. Because we broke the commandments, we have caused all of these things to come upon our people. By keeping these commandments, we are breaking the cycle of the curses so that we can become a holy nation once again. It is important that we keep the commandments and strive to make it into the kingdom.