

Preface of The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Questions Women ask about Relationships and Christian Beliefs

The Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Project was established in 1991 to inform and resource the churches on the issue of Family and Domestic Violence.

It was formed in the recognition that church communities were not immune from Domestic and Family Violence, and that the scriptures in Christian teaching had been abused to defend violence, and the coercion and control of women in marriage.

This booklet was originally published in 2010 as a resource for victims and survivors of DFV. It has helped both women who are practising Christians and women who are not part of church communities. It has also been a useful resource for clergy and pastoral carers who support appropriately the victims of abuse in their congregations.

This third edition reflects changes in theology and language as churches and communities have more openly discussed and confronted DFV. It also draws upon further research into domestic and family violence. It discusses key questions with which women of faith wrestle as they attempt to make sense of what is happening to them in an abusive relationship, and to make decisions about the kind of future they want for themselves and their children.

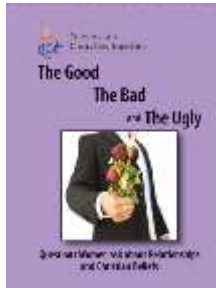
The questions are those that JCDVPP members have heard and been asked by the victims with whom they have worked.

Thanks go to past members of Joint Churches Domestic Violence Project who originally developed this resource as well as current JCDVPP members who have revised and added information for the new edition.

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