

Letter of Pain from New Zealand

This letter may be shared to any and all that have an interest.

I am writing this with a heart that is full of sadness and pain.

I gave my testimony 2yrs ago at Winchester never believing it would be my last ever. That testimony cost me so much to give, baring my soul about CSA and how I was desperately trying to deal with the rivers of emotion and feelings of hopelessness. After walking out of the shed I had the most amazing sense of calm contentment I hadn't had in months. I knew God had been troubling me to make me say that testimony, I tried so hard to get out of saying it, but I knew it was something I had to do.

I have been watching all of the CSA victims as they have found the courage and strength to come forward. I know what it costs each one. I have a overwhelming sense of love and hope for healing of each and everyone.

But I have had a red line in my heart that I knew I could not go over.

I have watched the USA and Canada workers and overseers given way to letting the pedophiles that walk among us being allowed to come back into meetings and fellowship.

I have watched as good people who walk with God are having their meetings removed and being removed from all fellowship.

I have watched as those that were once revered as spokesman of God have now revealed their feet of clay and their words of bondage.

I have watched as Australia is now slowly but surely going down that same path.

I am watching this pattern now coming into New Zealand and I cannot standby and say nothing.

I watched as a perp in the North Island was allowed back into meetings with nothing more than a 'behave yourself'. While the victim was silenced and victimized by those that should have been a comfort and helping hand, and that victim has now left the fellowship.

I have watched the same thing happen in the last few weeks in NZ.

I cannot stay in a church that seems to reward abusers and punishes the abused.

I cannot stay in a church that seems almost paralyzed by indecision and ineffectiveness.

I cannot stay where our children are not safe because the established overseers are unable to put the children's lives and souls before those who would abuse them.

I cannot stay where we would allow abusers free license to have access to our little ones, and stand aside and just let it happen.

I WILL NOT.

'Better a millstone is hung around his neck and he is thrown in the sea'. There is no talk by Jesus here of forgiveness here.

This letter is to say that after talking to God and pleading with him, for an answer as to what I should do, I have finally had my answer.

This is my final and lasting testimony to all. I do not have a heart of anger or bitterness. Please don't think that or tell others I do.

I have a heart of sadness and deep devastation that I have to remove myself from a church that once was my life, and fed my soul. But has left the teachings of God for the teaching of men/overseers.

We have some workers who are truly amazing and are there for the furtherance of the gospel.

But the senior overseers around the world have lost their compassion and their calling that originally was their reason for doing the work of God.

Until the people see for themselves what is happening to the church I can only see destruction.

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