

Cory Hughes complete rejection from so called friends

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I am having a rough time right now, because I feel like the Friends that I grew up with have betrayed me. So few people that I spent soooooo much time with have reached out to me. I counted 3 total... out of literally hundreds and hundreds...

Those who I have spoken to, either because they reached out to me, or because I reached out to them, have rejected the idea that the church has any systemic issues. They have ignored my pleas and made me feel like the fact that I was raped is unimportant. There is virtually zero Friends that I grew up with that still attend meetings that have made me feel heard. My entire network of Friends has been mute. I see them liking things that are posted here. I know they are reading my posts. Still, silence.

I feel completely betrayed by people that claimed to love me for most of my life. I was hoping that people in this forum might be able to assuage some of my pain. If you are one of the Friends and still attending meetings, but you are starting to feel like the leadership is asleep at the wheel, please comment. If you have been reading the stories and letters, and you're feeling the wool being pulled back from over your eyes, please comment. If you are starting to see the reality of the situation and all it's nastiness, despite your love for the 'precious fellowship', please comment and let me know.

I need some encouragement. I really need to be reminded that reliving my trauma and bearing my soul in front of a sea of strangers has been worth something. If you were already not attending meetings, I'm less interested in hearing your support right now. It's not that I don't appreciate it, I just need to know that the needle is moving for people who still consider themselves a part of the fellowship. Please. I need to know that people are starting to wake up from the delusions. Please, I need to know that people are starting to acknowledge the lies upon lies upon lies.

Edit to say: While I think the most prudent response to this crisis is to completely abandon this church, I understand that most people won't do that. At the most basic level, all I really want from the Friends is for them to acknowledge the reality of the situation. The leadership of your church is populated by liars, pedophiles, and their apologists. I just want to hear people who are still going to meeting acknowledge that fact. That's it.