

## Jan Morton regarding the heinous crimes we have been confronted with in the fellowship

These heinous acts are comprised of three components: personal hurt, crime and sin. My forgiveness of the personal hurt that someone has done does not remove the consequences of the sin they have committed (which can only be forgiven by God and Christ and only They can administer the consequences) and it does not remove the consequences of the crime they have committed (which can only be forgiven/judged by the legal mechanisms of our land and only they can administer the consequences)

Also, my forgiveness of the personal hurt against me does not remove the offender's addiction. We must do everything possible to keep our vulnerable safe from being harmed by the addict ever again. And we must help the addict by not putting what they are addicted to in front of them, by not putting them in places where they have contact that feeds the addiction. We understand this about alcohol addiction and we help those who have that addiction by ensuring we don't ever put alcohol in front of them.