

Stephanie (Petäys) Close regarding workers and elders feeling attacked

I find it ironic that some workers or elders feel "attacked".

You know who was ACTUALLY attacked?! Our victims and survivors! Physically, mentally emotionally, spiritually...not just attacked once by a molester, but numerous times over the course of many years. Our victims and survivors relive those attacks everytime they bravely come forward to share their story to educate us.

Everytime something or someone triggers them they are back to those attacks. Flashbacks and memories unlocking for the first time since their abuse are attacks that they are living through everyday.....

I understand and have empathy for people who are UNCOMFORTABLE with the difficult questions being asked and the calls directed at them for change and transparency, it must be overwhelming....but **DO NOT** compare your discomfort to an attack. There is a reason why one is feeling discomfort, it's because the Holy Spirit is convicting men and women of the wrong we've committed, witnessed and allowed.

Enough of this feeling sorry for ourselves and our momentary, minor discomfort and LISTEN to the victims and survivors! Sit in the discomfort and be willing for the actions that the Spirit moves you to make, where and when you can, to clean up this ungodliness.