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Greetings!

The last few months have been very, very busy for us. I have been involved with a large amount of correspondence as a result of my radio interview on Jan Markell's radio program and I have also been reseaching a number of very abusive cults here in California.

Also, just a few weeks ago, we had an incredible chimney fire here in our home. This added a new dimension of "safety first" to our family and we are very thankful that our house did not burn down. In regards to "safety first", it is paramount that we recognize dangers before they happen - physical or spiritual dangers!

On Jan Markell's Radio program, which can be heard by going to our [Podcast page](#), Jan and I discussed the issue of spiritual abuse *in the Christian Church* - not just in groups that are recognized as non-Christian cults. Sadly, the number of people being abused within "Christendom" nowadays sky-rocketing. As hyper-faithism and imbalanced leadership structures continue to grow, so do abuses and the fallout from the abuses. Interestingly, this was one of the main things Jesus dealt with in His day - legalism, false teachers, and spiritual abusers.

As a result of the radio program, a number of very kind people have contacted us. The kind people I am referring to have unfortunately been severely abused and extremely hurt over the years. Some by extremely legalistic Christian groups, some by full blown cults, and some by family members and mothers and fathers.

We are very thankful that we have been able to help these people move forward a bit and we are grateful that we have been able to give them a listening ear and some added comfort as fellow human beings. We pray for these people and ask God to restore and help them through the sorrow



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