

# The NO MORE SECRETS Campaign: Ending Silence Surrounding Sexual Molestation & Abuse, rape and incest

### Welcome

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the "No More Secrets" campaign—a collaborative effort among Empowering Everyday Women Ministries, Lamp Mode Recordings and the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN). Your openness about your horrific experience(s) will bring awareness to the prevalence of sexual abuse and help break the silence.

### **About the Campaign**

Spearheaded by award-winning EEW President, Dianna Hobbs, the purpose of the "No More Secrets" effort is to bring awareness to the commonness of sexual violence, provide helpful resources through the campaign website at <a href="NoMoreSecrets.org">NoMoreSecrets.org</a>, and give survivors a safe means to break their silence.

"Sexual assault is more common than we like to acknowledge. It is one of the least reported crimes to law enforcement," said Jen Marsh, VP of Victim's Services for RAINN, the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization.

"It is our hope that the 'No More Secrets' campaign will let other survivors know they are not alone," said Hobbs, CEO of the nation's leading web publication for women of faith and color.

#### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

**Read and answer the interview questions** below and submit your answers.

By submitting your answers, you give EEW Magazine permission to share your story in our national nonprofit campaign, which will be promoted through various media channels. You may type your answers in a separate Microsoft Word Document or directly into the body of an email and send it to survivors@eewmagazine.com.

\*\*Also attach a photograph of yourself to your email for use with your story\*\*

#### **Questions**

- 1. How old were you when you were first violated?
- 2. Who violated you?
- 3. Did it happen once or multiple times?
- 4. If it occurred more than once, was it the same person?
- 5. Why didn't you tell what happened immediately? Were you threatened, advised not to say anything, or just too scared and/or shameful to admit what happened?
- 6. Please explain your experience(s) in detail. Being specific about what went on is critical to your story.
- 7. How old were you when you finally told?
- 8. How did the sexual violation impact your actions? What did it do to you mentally, emotionally, spiritually, sexually?
- 9. Why do you think the *No More Secrets* campaign is important? Why do you think women should break their silence?
- 10. What words would you offer to a person who has been sexually violated and is struggling and hurting?

## **CHECKLIST**

- I have answered all the questions thoroughly.
- I am sure I want to help others through sharing my pain and I am giving EEW Magazine the right to use my story for ministry purposes.
- I have attached a photograph of myself that I authorize EEW Magazine to use with my story and in promotions for the story.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION