

## Statistics on Sexuality in Today's World

- In March of 2002, Rick Warren's Pastors.com website conducted a survey on porn use. Of the 1,351 pastors who responded, **54% of them had viewed internet pornography within the last year**, and 30% of these pastors had visited a porn site within the last 30 days.
- In September of 2003, **34% of the female readers** of *Today's Christian Woman's* online newsletter admitted to intentionally accessing internet porn.
- In his 2006 book, "Men's Secret Wars," Patrick Means revealed the results of a confidential survey of evangelical pastors and church lay leaders. **64% of these Christian leaders** confirmed that they were struggling with sexual addiction or sexual compulsion including, but not limited to, the use of pornography, compulsive self sex, or other secret sexual activity.
- A poll taken by XXXChurch and reported by CNN in April of 2007 revealed that **70% of Christians struggle with porn** in their daily lives.
- According to a 2010 article published by Focus on the Family, more than **45% of Christians** admit that pornography is a **major** problem in their home.
- A recent study co-published by the Family Research Council in Washington D.C. and the Marriage and Religion Institute (MARRI) calls pornography a "quiet family killer" and states that **56% of divorces involve one party having an obsessive interest in porn**. In fact, internet pornography has now surpassed financial problems as being **the fastest growing cause of divorce in America**.

One researcher indicated that **70% of men 18-34 years old visit a pornographic website in a typical month**. Whenever I hear these statistics, I always assume that the number I am hearing is too low because the statistic is based on self reporting, and as we know, shame is such a significant factor that even with the promise of anonymity people sometimes cannot speak the truth.

## Sexuality in the Latin Culture

- 2 in 10 Latinos say they have sexual thoughts, fantasies or erotic dreams at least once a day
- Latinos are more active when it comes to sexual touching/caressing and intercourse
- Latinos are more sexually active than the general population
- 63% of Latin-Americans have been unfaithful in their lifespan
- Sexuality is not something to talk about in the average Latino home

## The Need Addressed

As Christians, we are obviously doing poorly in the area of obedience to Jesus' teachings on sexual sin. The above statistics would, in and of themselves, validate the kind of specific and intentional ministry that we are a part of. But I would submit that **Christians are doing even worse** when it comes to following Jesus' example and teaching regarding *ministry* to the sexually broken. Consider this: according to Christianity Today, **only 12% of American Churches minister on-site to people who struggle with sexually compulsive behaviors**. This shocking ministry gap is the urgent need that L.I.F.E. Recovery, International addresses.



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