

**Chris Jeub**

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When I published this last week, I had no idea how real this would become.

"My heartache is not my end. It's life, and there is something shaking out that I haven't realized yet. I've got to believe there is hope. And that hope is in me. Period. This may be my flesh, or it may be with my intellectual tendency to blame others, but it's me God loves and it's me he's inviting to change."

Responding to Heartache | Chris Jeub <http://ow.ly/Ch5yT>



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Multiple question: How do you respond to heartache? In the (1) flesh, (2) mind, or (3) heart? I've tried them all, but only one has ever worked for...

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**Erica Sargent** We are with you, Chris and Wendy. You are our brother and sister and we love you.

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**Roman Hammes** We are praying for you, your whole family.

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**Roman Hammes** Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

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**Roman Hammes** And despite my inability to post a single message, our hearts cry out for you and know that we believe in you both!

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**Patricia Byrnes** Praying over you this a.m. Philippians 4:5-7

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**Roman Smith** "I envy the abusive parent whose kids never lip off... I have not had good results with the response of the flesh."

What a horrible, sick thing to say.

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**Patricia Byrnes** Roman Smith; horrible & sick? Please explain.

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**Roman Smith** Saying you envy the parent that abuses their kids and gets away with it? How is that anything but disgusting?

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**Patricia Byrnes** "I envy the abusive parent whose kids never lip off, or the hot-tempered boss whose employees just do as they say, or the fire-breathing pastor who beats their congregation up from the pulpit. Everyone seems to behave. I don't know how they manage it, because I have not had good results with the response of the flesh." Within the context of him illustrating situations that can induce some extremely frustrating feelings; I do believe Chris's focus was on "parent" and the adjective abusive may have actually been a mistake. Considering the painful exploitation that has transpired in the last days, the extreme accusations that have been made without time to investigate their validity, it would seem that the pain and pressure of the gut-wrenching betrayal and rejections and exploitation could very well be taking a huge emotional and physical toll. I have never ever seen public shredding and relational exploitation, turn out well, for those initiating it or for those being publicly confronted. I thought FACT and EVIDENCE; looking at BOTH sides was the logical and fair method for determining truth.

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**Patricia Byrnes** Satan's job is to 'steal, kill and destroy.' I am encouraging intercessors to stand in the gap for Chris, Wendy, the kids at home as well as [Lydia Jeub](#), [Cynthia Jeub](#), Alissa, and [Alicia Jeub](#). God is able to heal, restore, reconcile, deliver and bring truth to all of this. His love and power are greater than the enemy's who is trying to destroy your family. Our greatest weapon is PRAYER and we believers must pray and resist the enemy on your behalf.

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**Alicia Jeub** Patricia, this was written before Cynthia's post. I don't think you really get to say how Chris meant the words he used. It's up for discussion and criticism as much as you want Cynthia's post to be. If people are the praying kind, then yes, by all means people, pray for the truth to come out. Personally, Patricia, you've known this family for a long, long time. If you wanted to look at both sides of these issues privately, you had a DECADE + to do so. Too little too late, too little too late.

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**Laurette Smith** Chris did not use wise words with his post - whenever it was written. Envy an abusive parent who gets away with abuse is simply a foolish thing to say. However, given the revelations that have come to light, I would consider it potentially more enlightening than foolish.

"Adjective abuse may have actually have been a mistake" is still abuse. Once and it is excused - a characterization or pattern of behavior is no longer a mistake. It is abuse.

That is part of the problem of being a Christian - we are all supposed to be so perfect that no one can ask for help.

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**Roman Smith** Patricia, are you calling what has happened exploitation and betrayal? Chris is not the one being exploited and betrayed; that would be the children he has mistreated.

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**Patricia Byrnes** Alicia... Please elaborate...too little of what? What is too late?

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**Roman Smith** Patricia, I encourage you to read Cynthia's blog post if you want both sides of the issue. Now that you've seen Chris saying he envies parents who get away with abuse, go read what prompted him to repost that.

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**Patricia Byrnes** Roman, I am saying that getting all of the facts is essential. Abuse should never be tolerated and abuse victims must have an advocate. I also think we better define abuse here.

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**Grayson Smith** Read Cynthia's article, Patricia. It gives us a pretty good picture of what abuse is.

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**Roman Smith** I'm not interested in having a debate. All I'm saying is that if you truly meant it when you implied Chris is being exploited and betrayed, you are concerned for the wrong person.

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**Roman Smith** Too many people are responding to this with "This isn't the Christian thing to do, let us pray" instead of supporting the kids who have been hurt.

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**Patricia Byrnes** Alicia, 10 years ago, when you shared about your parents being legalistic, not approving of your friend, not appreciating your sacrifices at home to help them, ect etc. you never ONCE mentioned abuse. Had you ever said you were being abused, by LAW, I would have reported it. If it was true, Why didn't you expose it 10 years ago? Why would you let a person believe the conflicts at home were about legalism, being too strict, teenage rebellion, not being understood etc etc. If there was the Malanie Martinez abuse taking place in your home, why didn't you say or do something?

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**Laurette Smith** Patricia - have you ever dealt with anyone who has been abused? I have led support groups for years - it takes EVERYTHING to speak up and it is very rare for a teenager/young women to do it - especially when they come from the community that we all come from. A lot of women don't speak up till they are 30+.

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**Patricia Byrnes** Absolutely, Laurette. If it's true, Cynthia needs to speak up as do her siblings; but NOT like this. This is NOT Matthew 18.

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**Patricia Byrnes** Many of us have come from abusive pasts and exploiting our abusers does provide an opportunity for grace to heal us or our abusers. Confrontation is very different form exploitation. One is vengeful, the other is not.

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**Grayson Smith** Tell me, Patricia, how do you know that this is the first time Cynthia has spoken about this? Unless you are intimately familiar about the situation, you're making some terrible assumptions.

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**Patricia Byrnes** I don't, buit it appears to be the first time it has monopolized a newsfeed.

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**Patricia Byrnes** Exactly, Grayson! ASSUMPTIONS are terribly dangerous!

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**Laurette Smith** I am guessing you are referring to the "settle the matter privately, or take 1-2 witnesses" rather than the "if anyone causes one of these little ones to stumble..."

It seems that the parents chose for the family issues to be public (in a good way) and so they can't expect revelations to now be private.

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**Grayson Smith** Because as we know, addressing an individual privately and speaking to the church is a public event that would monopolize a news feed.

What an ignorant thing to say.

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**Roman Smith** Yeah Patricia, you're right, the abusive parent is the one being exploited. Let's all rally around abusive parents so they don't get exploited anymore.

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**Grayson Smith** We have heard from multiple of the Jeub children about this. And a younger brother just got a facebook and claimed his sister was suffering from a mental illness and should be ignored.

What a coincidence that this brother got a facebook right as this all blew up. What a coincidence that he is now publicly able to stand up for his parents.

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**Patricia Byrnes** Not so, Roman. Any kind of abuse must be death with! I am referring to the WAY it is confronted and death with.

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**Laurette Smith** Patricia - Cynthia's blog feels confrontational to me (in our society's way of communicating). She is exposing herself as well as her family. Plus I wouldn't blame her a bit if she felt vengeful - I would feel that a very appropriate response.

Btw - Jesus' first response wasn't always forgiveness, mercy and grace. Neither was King David's and he was a man after God's own heart. I am sure you know the Psalms where David was so angry that he outright asked God to kill his enemies. Vengeful feelings aren't to be feared or judged - they are a part of breaking through denial.

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**Roman Smith** Patricia, you're standing up for abusive parents. You're saying that Cynthia bringing these issues to light is exploitation. People like you are the reason that it is so hard to bring abuse to light. Try supporting the hurt instead of criticizing the way they've shared their pain.

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**Grayson Smith** Patricia, the three steps in Matthew 18 are private, church, public. When do you think you first see it "monopolize a news feed"? Isn't it obvious? Now I don't know what other steps were taken, and maybe it doesn't matter. But its highly illogical to c... [See More](#)

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**Alicia Jeub** Patricia, why do you think there are 4 of us who are out of the house claiming the same things? Because it didn't happen? No, because it did. There are plenty of people who don't believe Cynthia, do you think they would have believed me, when I was the only one making the claims? Also, none of us saw the real truth and the whole truth until we were out of the environment. When you are in an abusive situation you don't always know it at the time. Furthermore, you are focusing on the physical abuse when in reality emotional and mental abuse are just as bad, if not worse and often go hand in hand AND are even harder to articulate. Yet another thing, Cynthia was told not to tell YOU about her self harm behaviors and her depression, as you were the first 'therapist' she saw. We were taught and told to keep our mouths shut, to keep it in the family, to not tell things to people because we were scared into thinking we'd lose our family. Well, sorry people, if you have nothing to hide, you aren't scared of losing your children.

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**Grayson Smith** Your comment is very enlightening, Alicia.

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**Laurette Smith** I feel the worst thing Christians (or anyone) can do right now is condemn Cynthia for having the bravado to speak up. It is a completely inappropriate response to someone who has come forth with revelations of abuse.

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**Patricia Byrnes** Laurette; what you say is true... Cynthia may honestly believe and feel that going public is the norm and may not have considered the ramifications of such a public situation. I believe her initial intent may have been personal catharsis accessing a poetic venue. Unfortunately, she connected it to the Melanie Martinez video which depicts and implies brutal, sick torture. Many people will connect the video to her situation and NOT just think that the Jeub parents may have over reacted with spankings, etc. The depiction via video implies criminal behavior. Also unfortunate, possible unresolved and painful issues with older siblings may have exacerbated the situation. I believe: innocent until proven guilty. With the public exploitation of this very devastating situation; legal ramifications will likely ensue... the kids will get their day in court and consequences will be given. For anyone contributing to and cheerleading the feeds; you also have a responsibility to factfind, not assume and to pray for truth.

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**Roman Smith** "Many people will connect the video to her situation and NOT just think that the Jeub parents may have over reacted with spankings, etc."

If this is what you think the Jeub parents did (simply spanking a bit much), you haven't read the blog post.

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**Alicia Jeub** If there will be legalities involved and there is nothing to hide, then I guess there is nothing to worry about, right? Are YOU going to do the reporting to the authorities now Patricia? Since you have a legal requirement to do so? What criminal behavior from the song and video are you referencing exactly?

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**Alicia Jeub** Roman, she's read it; she doesn't think it's true.

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**Roman Smith** Ah, okay. Auto-rejecting its truth because it's from a young adult makes sense, right??

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**Laurette Smith** Patricia - I get what you are saying - but with the evidence presented by 2 of the girls, I would think their guilt already proven.

I didn't even watch the Melanie Martinez video - I go for facts, not media.

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Yes there may well be consequences - but our goal as Christians is not to cover up abuse because we are scared of consequences. I am devastated for all the kids - and I too pray the full truth comes out. If there is repentance (meaning changed behavior) out of this, then what a gift Cynthia has given to her family. If there is no repentance, then the gift Cynthia has given to her young siblings is protection.

The truth is way more important than the forum chosen to reveal that truth.

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**Roman Smith** Patricia, I don't know you at all, but you seem like the kind of person who will automatically side with the adults instead of the kids just because it's in the ten commandments to "honor your parents" or some ridiculous reason like that.

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**Roman Smith** Aaaaand looks like Chris just blocked Laurette (my mom) from seeing this post. Maybe he's afraid of an adult not auto-siding with him.

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**Chris Jeub** Well, sort of, Roman. I turned off this post from the public. Feel free to keep talking, I'm finding your comments interesting.

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**Roman Smith** You find comments about allegations that you have abused your children "interesting"? Not sure what to say to that. Are you even taking this issue seriously?

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**Chris Jeub** You're rushing to judgment, Roman. Please hold back. Our entire family is indicted, and there is more information coming.

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**Roman Smith** I said there are allegations that you have abused your children. The way you are handling this is horrid - reposting an article saying that you envy child abusers who get away with it might be the single worst thing you could've done.

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