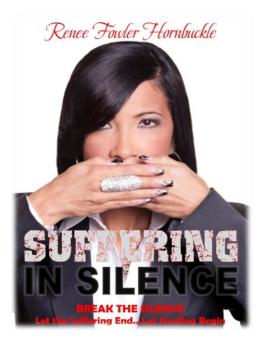
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## RENEE HORNBUCKLE HAS BROKEN HER SILENCE!!! SHE IS TAKING A STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE!



Arlington, TX – The Ex-wife of a Former Prominent Pastor Who Was Convicted of sexual Assault and Drug Charges <u>Finally</u> Breaks Her Seven Years of Silence And Speaks Out About Her Own Victimization of <u>Domestic</u> <u>Violence</u>.

It was in 2005, that Renee Hornbuckle's fairy tale life turned into a nightmare. Prior to the break of the scandal, Renee and her now ex-husband had what many perceived as *a perfect marriage and were living the American Dream*. Now, after seven years of silence, Renee Hornbuckle has penned this ordeal in her new book, *"Suffering In Silence: Break The Silence – Let the Suffering End – Let Healing Begin." She also has now stepped forward and broken the silence on her own personal experience with <u>domestic violence</u>.* 

When the story broke of her ex-husbands indiscretions, Renee was devastated. She says in her book, nothing could have prepared her for what she, her children and her congregation were getting ready to encounter and endure. She goes on to say recalling that dreadful day when her world was shattered, *"That day my life changed forever. That day I realized there had been a downward spiral in our lives for years. That day I questioned the person I had married. Who was he? Why was all this happening? What was really going on?"* 

*Suffering In Silence* is about Renee's account of coming to grip with what she lived, endured and tolerated (mostly through manipulation) in her life, while taking the responsibility for her role in ignoring the warning signs and neglecting to acknowledge the truth. But most of all, it is a poignant revealing of how the two conflicting dichotomies of her life (family and church) suspended her voice, which disabled her from seeking help even in her darkest moments. But now after seven years of silence, Renee is sharing her story of how she ultimately broke the silence, and how she was healed as well as able to forgive. Today, she embraces freedom and lives life to its fullest because she has <u>NOW</u> regained her voice.

"It has been seven years since this calamity occurred. And because of one man's actions, many people had to endure much anguish and stress. While this was a tremendous strain and undertaking in my life and the life of my family, this book is not about who did what or how the circumstances unfolded, but it is more about my personal journey, the lessons I learned, and how God brought me through. It is also about my silence, the negative and positive silence, and how I regained my voice. Of course, to share my inward journey with you, I'll need to touch on certain aspects of what was happening in my world; many of them painful. But as you read this book, I want you to remember: When you're facing challenges on every side, your response will determine your outcome."

This past year, on Sunday, October 28, 2012 (Domestic Violence Awareness Month), Renee hosted the first annual Domestic Violence Awareness Program at the church she stills leads, AGAPE, of which she is now the Senior Pastor. As the program concluded, it was then that she unveiled her new book, *Suffering In Silence*, to the congregation and guests, and publicly announced she was now adding her face and name to the list of those who have <u>survived</u> domestic violence. Since speaking out about her own betrayal and abuse, she is now partnering and participating with various organizations to bring about awareness, helping others break their silence and take a stand against Domestic Violence.

Along with several strategic partner organizations against Domestic Violence, she will serve as a co-host to the **1**<sup>st</sup> Annual Arlington, Texas Domestic Violence Awareness "Be the Voice - Break the Silence" Walk/Run-athon scheduled for Saturday November 16, 2013 at River Legacy Park in Arlington, Texas. The Walk/Run-athon is designed to raise awareness and funds for partnering organizations to carry out their mission to bring awareness to the community, to financially support individuals as they transition from violent situations and to raise capital funds to build a safe facility providing more secure alternatives for those in trouble. For the first event, honor will be given to the Life and Legacy of Officer Jillian Smith, an Arlington Police Department Officer, who lost her life in the line of duty while responding to a domestic violence call in the city of Arlington, Texas.

Dr. Renee is on a mission to bring awareness to this horrific epidemic: she is committed to being a VOICE that speaks out! *Her book, Suffering In Silence,* is now available on BarnesandNoble.com, Amazon.com, and Kindle.com.



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