

*"My hope and healing journey from domestic abuse began several years ago, at a family shelter. Upon completing the educational program, I began looking for a Christ-based approach and was referred to Focus Ministries. What a huge impact this ministry has made in my life as I continue to grow in my understanding of who I am in Christ. My relationship with the Lord has never been sweeter! I found a safe place to heal with women who have experienced a similar journey. No longer do you have to suffer in silence, masking the pain, shame and embarrassment behind the smiles and lies. A great resource with trained, tenderhearted leaders awaits you. Come as you are. Thank you Pastor Will for bringing this much needed ministry to this church!"*

*"After 11 months of being part of the Focus Ministries here at CF, I wanted to let people know what a great difference this small group has made for me. I'm so incredibly thankful and blessed. Every time I attend, I get so much wisdom and guidance from our lovely leaders and fellow members. To know that I don't have to be ashamed and can talk openly without pretense is a huge step in the right direction for me. With God's guidance and the good and humorous conversations we have, I seem to be cautiously optimistic being a godly wife in a most dire situation. God is good!"*

*"When I was still with my husband, I thought it was my fault that he was angry and hurtful. I tried to be even kinder, more patient and loving towards him. We would worship together at church but then afterwards, he would yell at me for paying so much attention to the kids instead of him. No matter what I did or said, it was never enough and his abuse got worse.*

*I thought I was the only woman in church who lived with this secret life at home.*

*Then I heard about FOCUS ministries. After the first meeting, I realized that my situation was not unusual or unique at all. The women there were so kind and they all understood what I was going through. They helped me to understand that Jesus was with me even in this terrible situation. They gave me hope. And the Lord gave me strength and resources to leave my husband. My children and I have peace in our home now."*