

Sandy Phillips Kirkham

Clergy Abuse Victim
To
Survivor/Advocate

Book Synopsis

Let Me Prey Upon You: Breaking Free from a Minister's Sexual Abuse



A church is where an insecure sixteen-year-old girl should feel welcome, happy, and most importantly, safe. Tragically for some, the church can become a place of great harm.

Sandy Phillips Kirkham details her account of how a charismatic youth minister preyed upon her; a betrayal which left her broken, with a shattered faith, and the ultimate shame of being blamed and forced from the church she loved. From their very first meeting, the new youth minister slowly and methodically turned the sacred relationship of a trusted spiritual leader to one of abuse: sexual, emotional, and physical. When his actions were discovered, he was simply moved to another church leaving Sandy to pay for his deeds. She was not his first victim, nor would she be his last.



Despite a successful and happy life as a wife, mother, and friend, Sandy successfully concealed her abuse for twenty-seven years until a trigger forced her to face the truth. Sandy's story will take you on her journey of healing which began in 2004, first by seeking justice and closure from both the pastor and the church. Her strength and courage will inspire you. *Let Me Prey Upon You* details Sandy's journey from innocent sixteen-year-old victim to survivor and advocate.