



## *Relational Awareness ~ Lesson 6 ~ Shining the Light*

### *Supplement*

#### **Interview with a Teen Victim**

This is an excerpt from an interview that was conducted by The Sheepfold, a shelter that works with victims of domestic violence.

#### **A young lady (we'll call her "Beti") explains:**

". . . I live with my boyfriend and his family, it's nice here. I have a family . . ."

#### **Tell me about the first time he hurt you.**

"Yeah, that was pretty bad . . . He thought I was flirting with a guy, but no way was I doing that."

#### **What happened?**

"It was pretty bad. I don't know exactly how I ended up on the ground but there I was face down on the cement, and he was on top of me pounding my head into the ground.

I remember crying out for him to stop. But he wouldn't.

I tried to raise my head-up to look for someone to help – we were at a party, but all I could see was feet – they were afraid of him too.

I remember feeling warm liquid on my hands, and I opened my eyes to see what it was and it was a puddle of my blood and he still wouldn't stop.

Finally, I remember waking up but not seeing anything. My face was swollen beyond recognition. He kept me in his bedroom for days, because he said that if anyone would have seen me, he would go to jail, and I knew that too. He wouldn't even take me to the hospital."