

The Heartache of Sin

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Last week hundreds of lives were forever changed when hackers publicized detailed personal information from a website known as Ashley Madison. Since the news first leaked, several well-known individuals have been faced with having their secret sins made public. While the news has placed a great deal of significance on clients who are well known, there are many more lesser-known clients who's actions have wrecked the lives of those they love.

Thinking about what these families are now dealing with breaks my heart. Families who probably knew they weren't perfect, but thought their wedding vows were sacred, are now dealing with the hard reality of adultery. As if this weren't bad enough, these families have to deal with their heartache in front of the public's ever-watching eye.

Many of those who made the choice to sign up and participate in a website that promotes adultery made that decision without fully anticipating the damage such actions would cause not only themselves, but also all the people who love them.

The Bible teaches our sins will eventually find us out (Num. 32:23). All we have to do is look back to Achan (Jos. 7), David (2 Sam. 11-12) or even the woman at the well (Jn. 4). Yet, in spite of our sins becoming known, many people continue to try to hide the very things which, when they are exposed, bring a great deal of embarrassment and shame to their families. Perhaps, for those involved in this recent public scandal, had they only taken time to stop and think about the repercussions of their actions and the pain it would bring, they would have chosen differently.

Maybe the struggles you have and the sins you are trying to hide don't seem so harmful at first glance, but rest assured friends, sin is destructive and if not dealt with properly, can bring about heartache and pain.

May each one of us strive to fight the good fight of faith and to overcome the temptations and struggles we constantly battle. And as for those sins we are trying to conceal, let's get real with ourselves and confess before any more damage is done (I Jn. 1:8-9).