



SAMPLE OVERCOMER STORY SUBMISSION

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Title: **Freedom From Sex-Trafficking Industry**

My Story: How domestic violence almost took my life. It took everything within me to find the will to live and the audacity to survive.

I never thought I would be in an abusive relationship but with the mounting pressures of taking care of a sick mother, job strain, and legal trouble all I wanted was an escape. It seemed as if the walls were closing in on my life and that my options were very limited. Before I knew it, I fell in love with a man who told me everything I wanted to hear and made me all kinds of promises. Unfortunately, what I did not know was that he was running from the law for selling young girls into sex slavery. I was naive, I thought that he loved me and had my best interest at heart. Yet, he used my vulnerability to his advantage and manipulated me to the point where I felt helpless. My journey to freedom from the sex-trafficking industry was a long one, but I am here to say that I have survived and there is no turning back.

Many women like myself find themselves in domestically abusive relationships and struggle to escape. Millions of women and girls are sexually trafficked around the world. For years I blamed myself for being in that situation and, in the beginning, I came to believe that I would die trying to get out. I hope I can make others more aware of the issues of domestic violence and sex trafficking. It's closer to home than most people realize. No - my story is not new. It happened to me and it's happening to someone right now. However, I know that by using the power of my voice I can help many find the will and see the glimmer of hope that life can get better. My name is Jane Doe and I am an Overcomer.

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