Script for Promo Video

“Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing:

When those who claim to be followers of Jesus harm others”

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Ann: This is a hard topic, but we have to talk about it.

Cheri: We don’t like to think it would happen within OUR community of faith, but it does, and we have to talk about it.

Ann: We are going to talk about abuse, specifically sexual abuse, which, unfortunately, *is far more common that any of us want to believe*, even in communities of faith.

Cheri: Even in our own community of faith, the world-wide Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Ann: For example, Sarah was seduced by her charismatic junior academy principal.

Cheri: Daniele was abused by her junior academy music teacher.

Ann: Matt was abused by his 7th-grade math teacher.

Cheri: Brenda was abused by her pastor when she went to him for counseling.

Ann: These are just 4 examples of sexual abuse that have happened in Seventh-day Adventist churches and schools. Unfortunately, there are many more, and many wonder, *how can this be?*

Cheri: For one thing, our churches are comprised of fallen human beings. Wherever there is a group of fallen human beings, the reality is that things like this -- can happen.

Ann: For another, the church is the devil’s FAVORITE place to work! There’s no other place where he’d rather create havoc!

Cheri: Hello, I’m Cheri Corder, and this is Dr. Ann Hamel. Together, we have put together the material for the 2023 **enditnow®**Sabbath entitled “Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing. When those who claim to be followers of Jesus harm others”.

Ann: There will be two sessions. The first is a sermon, which we both put together, but is presented by Cheri. In it, we give an overview of the topic, and include 7 stories of abuse to illustrate the concepts.

Cheri: The second session is a workshop, which we both put together, but is presented by Ann. In it, she shares “Sarah’s Diary”, a fascinating case study which helps us understand how abuse can happen.

Ann: If you love your church and have a burden to see us do better in relating to sexual abuse by church members and leaders, please join your church family for this important Sabbath.

Cheri: For more information, visit enditnow.org.

Ann: It’s a difficult and painful subject!

Cheri: But in God there is hope, and there is wisdom, and there is healing!

*The local church then announces the date they will hold the* **enditnow®** *Sabbath, and additional information (whether there will be children’s church, fellowship meal, other activities on that day).*