



“Abuse” by Liam Matz Study Guide

1. In Liam's interview, he mentions volunteering at Steadfast House, a transitional home in Asheville for women and children, some of whom have experienced abuse. What are some of the resources in your community for victims of partner violence?
2. Liam's poem is particularly notable because it is done by a male speaking out against issues we typically think only affect women. However, Liam says, “While I have balls instead of breasts and I prefer brawn over brain, And I use old spice instead of dove, I still have a mother I still have a sister I still have a grandmother, And I will not stand for this prejudice anymore.”
 1. What can we do in our communities to help others understand that sexism and domestic violence are not just women's issues?
 2. How can we encourage men and boys in our community to accompany women in their fight for equal rights?
**Another great resource to use here is Emma Watson's He-for-She Campaign address to the UN found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkjW9PZBRfk>.
3. Read Genesis 1:26-28.
 1. From this text, what is the relationship between man and woman intended to be?
 2. Who does it say is created in God's image?
 3. Do we always see others as equally created in God's image, and therefore fully human?
 4. What are some other populations whose humanity we tend to diminish?
4. Liam challenges us to think about the language we use for women as a way to stop abuse against women and change the misogynistic culture.
 1. What are some other things we could do to begin to help us see each other as fully human?
 2. Are there other populations for which we need to rethink the language we use?