

# FREEDOM STORY GUIDE

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## THANK YOU

We are so glad you are using our Freedom Story videos for yourself and your community! We want to provide tips to help you make the most of these videos and encourage conversation. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us!

## THEMES TO HIGHLIGHT

### Vulnerabilities

What factors can you identify in this individual's story that created a vulnerability that was exploited by another person? Ex: youth, chaotic family, gang involvement, previous abuse, believing adults should be trusted.

### Recruitment

How was this individual initially approached? What was the first point of contact? What was the relationship between the victim and the trafficker?

### Means of Manipulation

Where can you see force, fraud, or coercion in this story?

Force -- violence or the threat of violence.

Fraud - debt bondage, deceitful labor, fraudulent relationships

Coercion - emotional manipulation, threat of law enforcement, blackmail

## AREAS OF CAUTION

### Victim Blaming

No one ever deserves to be exploited. Be careful to avoid the suggestion that victims did, said, or wore something that caused them to be taken advantage of.

### Over-sensationalizing

Human trafficking is a big and complex problem. When we only highlight the "Hollywood" version, or when we talk about the issue in sensational terms, we set people up to miss the realities of manipulation and coercion.

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