# WHY FIGHTING PORN MUST INCLUDE FIGHTING SHAME

#### A GLOBAL MOVEMENT OF FIGHTERS FIGHT THE NEW DRUG

# RESEARCH, HOWEVER, SHOWS THE OPPOSITE.

WE OFTEN HEAR THE ARGUMENT THAT SHAME IS A GOOD THING WHEN IT COMES TO QUITTING PORN – THAT SHAME ACTUALLY HELPS MOTIVATE CONSUMERS TO QUIT PORN FOR GOOD.



### ACCORDING TO A 2011 STUDY OF PORN **CONSUMERS TRYING TO** QUIT PORN, RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT SHAME TENDED TO DRIVE PORN **CONSUMERS FURTHER INTO** A CYCLE OF UNHEALTHY PORN CONSUMPTION

### RATHER THAN HELPING THEM CHANGE.

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# PARTICIPANTS WHO FELT SOME GUILT OVER THEIR UNWANTED PORN HABIT, HOWEVER, TENDED TO MOVE PEOPLE TOWARD HEALTHY, LASTING CHANGE.

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### SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GUILT AND SHAME?

# GUILT

- 1 LABELS BEHAVIORS AS UNHEALTHY OR "BAD"
- 2 CAN BE HEALTHY
- MOTIVATES LASTING 3



- 1 LABELS THE PERSON AS "BAD"
  - 2 ALWAYS UNHEALTHY
  - 3 OFTEN FUELS A CYCLE

#### CHANGE

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#### 4 - "WHAT I DID WASN'T GREAT-I WANT TO DO BETTER IN THE FUTURE."

#### OF UNHEALTHY BEHAVIORS

#### 4 - "WHAT I DID WAS BAD, I AM A BAD PERSON."

### SHAME DOES NOT HELP PEOPLE QUIT PORN OR LET GO OF UNHEALTHY HABITS. IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING TO QUIT PORN OR IF YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE WITH A PORN HABIT, KNOW THAT SHAME IS NOT A HEALTHY WAY TO MOTIVATE MEANINGFUL CHANGE.



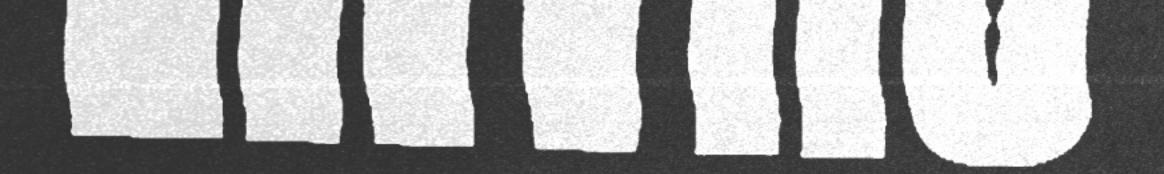
## HOW CAN YOU PRACTICE BREAKING THE CYCLE OF SHAME IF YOU STRUGGLE?

1 - TALK TO SOMEONE

2 - REMEMBER THAT YOU

ARE NOT A BAD PERSON





## AS ONE FIGHTER SHARED WITH US:

"LATELY I HAVEN'T VIEWED OR HONESTLY EVEN WANTED TO LOOK AT PORN. LONG STORY SHORT, I REMEMBERED WHO I TRULY AM – A DUDE WITH A GOOD HEART WHO MADE SOME POOR DECISIONS AND GOT SUCKED INTO AN ADDICTIVE CYCLE... THEN THROUGH AN AMAZING WOMAN

### AND SOME VULNERABLE CONVERSATIONS... IT SHOWED ME I'M STILL LOVABLE. IT BROKE THE POWER SHAME HAD ON ME."

# GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION

YOU CAN CHANGE AND LIVE A HEALTHIER LIFE, FREE OF PORN AND FREE OF SHAME.

EVEN IF YOU'VE HAD A PORN HABIT FOR MOST OF YOUR LIFE, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE PART OF WHO YOU ARE AS A PERSON.





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