

WHY DOES A PERSON STAY?

GUILT About “failure” of the marriage/relationship
Feel they provoked the abuse

ASHAMED

EMBARRASSED About staying in the relationship or about their “failure” as a wife/
husband; mother/father; companion

LEARNED HELPLESSNESS Belief of having no power or control of the situation.
Often a result of a previous attempt to leave being
blocked by police, counselors, friends or relatives.

EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCE Still in love with partner, sense of worth/being
linked to partner, wants to avoid social stigma of a
divorce or broken relationship

FINANCIAL DEPENDENCE Few or no job skills
Fear of ability to support self and children

ISOLATION Few or no sources of support
No car, money or phone

BELIEF THAT IT IS BETTER FOR THE CHILDREN They need their father/mother
Financially, a better life

POOR

HOPELESS

ALONE

AFRAID

THE HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME!

