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Dear Steve,

I imagine it will be a shock to hear from me after so many years, but thanks to the Internet it was easy to locate you. It looks like you've done well since your days as Youth Minister at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Orange, CA. I'm sure you'd like to forget those days, especially May 1975. Unfortunately, it's been hard for me to forget, especially because I never had closure. You never said you were sorry for sexually molesting me. I was only 16 and I trusted you. You and Ruthie led me to the Lord!!

It's interesting to read the part of your book where you talk about the first time you kissed Ruthie and how a kiss became a symbol of love for one another. My first kiss came from you. The irony is that because of what YOU took from me, I would not kiss the men I had relationships with until it had meaning to me. What I went through has affected all my relationships.

I am 43 now, still single, and all the stories on the news recently about the Catholic priests who molested children and got away with it, bring all my memories back to the surface. You are very lucky that the D.A. did not press charges against you. He wanted to, but my parents knew I could not have handled it emotionally. And at that point I only wanted to protect you and would never have agreed to testify against you. So they chose not to press charges.

After all these years, I still need to have you say you are sorry for what you did. Can you please give me that?

