

■ THE STEPFATHER DILEMMA

Denise has decided to run away. Her home life is horrible, and it's getting worse. She hates her stepfather. Actually, she's afraid of him. More than once he has made sexual advances toward her. Denise is afraid to tell anyone about her fears. She doubts that her mother would believe her. If her mother *did* believe her, it could lead to another divorce. One divorce is enough for anyone to have to experience. Denise doesn't want anyone to know—not Kevin (her boyfriend) or her mother or anyone. Maybe it's her fault that her stepfather acts the way he does. Denise asks Kevin to loan her some money so she can go to live with her father in another state.

- ▶ What would you do if you were Denise? Reason?
- ▶ What would you do if you were Kevin? Reason?
- ▶ What should Denise do? Reason?
- ▶ What would Jesus do in Denise's situation?

● Scripture Guide:

Psalms 27:10

Isaiah 41:10

Ephesians 4:31–32

Ephesians 5:11

Ephesians 6:4