

By the Word of Their Testimony

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blood of the Lamb and because of the
word of their testimony...”
Revelation 12:11*

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Introduction

Your Divine Appointment

*“I was **crying** to the LORD with my voice,
And He **answered me** from His holy mountain”
Psalm 3:4.*

Have you been searching for marriage help? It’s not by chance, nor is it by coincidence, that you are reading this booklet. God has heard your cry for help in your marriage dilemma. He predestined this DIVINE APPOINTMENT to give you the hope that you so desperately need right now!

If you have been told that your marriage is hopeless or that without your spouse’s help your marriage cannot be restored, then this is the book you need. Read this over and over so you will begin to believe that God is MORE than able to restore ANY marriage, including YOURS!

For ALL the testimonies of those who once had “seemingly” hopeless marriages that are now restored, go to our website – RestoreMinistries.net to read those that we have received since the printing of this book that we post on our website.

We know and understand what you are going through since WE, and MANY others who have come to our ministry for help, have a restored marriage and family! No matter what others have told you, your marriage is NOT hopeless!! We KNOW, after twelve years of ministry, that God is able to restore ANY marriage, even YOURS!

If you have been crying out to God for more help, someone who understands, someone you can talk to, then join our Internet Restoration Fellowship OnLine and receive an ePartner (email partner) who will help you see your marriage through to restoration. Since beginning this fellowship, we have seen more marriages restored on a regular basis than we ever thought possible!

So, if you are really serious in your desire to restore your marriage, then our fellowship is the answer. For more information or to join, go to our website. We would love for you to be a part of our Restoration Fellowship!

Who are we and what are we hoping to do?

Restore Ministries helps those who have found themselves in a hopeless situation: women whose spouse is in adultery, has left her, has filed for divorce, or any other seemingly impossible marital situation. They have often sought help, but everyone (many times even their pastors) has told them it was hopeless. We believe that no marriage is hopeless – regardless of the circumstances. We offer hope, help and encouragement through our website, our Restoration Fellowship, and a variety of resources.

In 2001, Restoration Fellowship was birthed to minister more effectively to the needs of those seriously seeking restoration. Within a year the fellowship grew to over 400 committed members and increases daily with members from all over the world.

Restore Ministries has never sought advertising or paid for placement in search engines but has instead grown by word of mouth. Though often ostracized by the established church, because of those who have cried out to God for help when their own church, pastor, family and friends offered them no hope or support, it has given hope and has been the oasis in the desert for the desperate, the hurting, the rejected.

Often accused of being extreme, radical, out-of-balance or legalistic, the message in all our resources is founded firmly on the Word of God, encouraging those seeking restoration to live the message that Jesus proclaimed, beginning with the familiar Beatitudes.

RMI teaches the good news of God’s Word to bring healing to the brokenhearted, comfort to those in pain, and freedom to prisoners of despondency and sin through the truth of His Word, giving them the hope that is “against all hope” through the Power of Jesus Christ, the Mighty Counselor and Good Shepherd.

Our site and our resources minister to the hurting all over the world with the intent of creating a deeper and more intimate walk with the Lord that results in the hurting healed, the bound freed, the naked clothed, the lost saved and broken marriages restored. We minister to women from more than 15 countries including Switzerland, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Sweden, Philippines, Brazil and Germany, with large followings in Australia, Canada, and Africa. Our books have been translated into Spanish, Portuguese, Tagalog (Filipino), Afrikaans, and French.

Jesus said that you “will know them by their fruits.” This book *By the Word of Their Testimony* is filled with testimonies of hopeless marriages that were restored, marriages that give glory to God and to the Power of His Word. This book grows at such a phenomenal rate that we are unable to keep up with reprinting due to the number of testimonies that pour into their office. If you have any doubt about the validity of our ministry, you won’t after reading this awesome book. It will show you not only hopeless marriages that were restored, but more importantly, it will show you men and women who have been completely transformed into God-lovers and are now committed on-fire Christians, many of whom were saved through this ministry.

Below is a small sampling of the letters of gratitude that Restore Ministries has received. Please note when you read the letters that they give all the praise and glory to the Lord. This ministry was founded and continues to grow on the premise that “if He be lifted up, He will draw all men to Himself” and “the Lord will share His glory with no man.”

“Let Another Praise You” Proverbs 27:2

“I want to thank you for what you do to help marriages. I am so thankful that God has restored my marriage and as I continue to seek Him, I now think I know what you mean.... BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD!! My marriage was restored!! I had cried out to God for help because when I went to my pastor and asked what I could do he just looked sad and said it was up to my husband, but by the Grace of God I found Restore Ministries!!!” B.J.

“I want to thank you so much for being so honest with all of us. Thank you for allowing the Lord to change all of you, and for allowing Him to help you spread the truth. My husband is home almost one year to the day after the Lord allowed him to leave! I was contentious, controlling, angry, suspicious, hurt, bitter, had committed adultery, and was ready to kill myself when he left. Would you believe that now he keeps telling me how lucky he is to have married me and wants to ‘show me off’ to his friends and family?!!” M.P.

“Praise God! Thank You Jesus, and thank you Restore Ministries for the guidance to get myself in tune with God’s will!! God can and will restore if we let Him! IF WE LET JESUS DO IT, HE WILL DO IT!! PRAISE GOD!! PRAISE GOD!! Our home is finally ‘home’ again, and Restore Ministries helped me see that it’s not what I think or what the world thinks, BUT WHAT GOD WANTS ME TO THINK AND DO! Don’t listen to people’s opinions; go to God! Do what the Lord says and it will work!” D.D.

“Praise God with every breath that He gives us. I thank God for this wonderful ministry that I found when I was at my lowest. RMI, you have been like John the Baptist to me, pointing me in the direction of God, my first love. My husband is home, PTL!! He is more affectionate and considerate and tells our family that we must put God first! I can’t help but cry tears of joy when I think about how far God has brought me and to know that God loves me even with all my shortcomings. Who wouldn’t serve a God like this?” K.T.

“I am convinced also, as RMI says, that ‘marriage crises’ are not about the marriage, but are actually ‘spiritual crises’ in disguise. For those of you out there who are wondering if you need to apply all the Biblical principles that RMI suggests: JUST DO IT! My husband has been home now for a little over one month, and has shared with me one story after another that confirms this wisdom of following God’s way!!” K.B.

“RMI, I thought my husband and I were happily married until this summer when he grew cold and distant. I did not understand or react well to this and it quickly escalated into him telling me he doesn’t love me and never did and even once that he hated me. I was drowning in despair and wanted to save my marriage but could find no help. RMI is so right about counseling—it only made things worse!! (And my minor is in psychology!) A Christian friend led me to your site and I immediately embraced God and the teachings. I was saved through the prayer I found on your website.” M.B.

We put this book together because we believe that as you spend some time reading these incredible and awesome testimonies of seemingly hopeless marriages that were miraculously restored, you will be encouraged and know without a doubt...

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD!!

Chapter 1

Nothing is Impossible *with God!*

*“Looking at them, Jesus said,
‘With people it is impossible,
but not with God;
for all things are possible with God.’”
Mark 10:27*

“And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the **word of THEIR testimony**, and they did not love their life even to death.” Rev. 12:11.

The following testimonies are filled with miracles of men and women who took God at His Word and believed that “nothing was impossible with God!” Those who have had the miracle of a restored marriage have several things in common. All “delighted themselves in the Lord” and He gave them “the desires of their heart.” All of them “hoped against hope” when their situation seemed hopeless.

All of them “fought the good fight” and “finished their course.” All of them were determined “not to be overcome with evil” but instead to “overcome evil with good.” All were willing to “bless their enemies” and to pray for them that “despitefully used and persecuted them.” All “turned the other cheek” and “walked the extra mile.” All realized that it was “God who removed lover and friend far from” them and it was God who “made them a loathing” to their spouse. All of them understood and believed that it is NOT the will of man (or woman) but the “will of God” who would “turn the heart” whichever way He chose.

All refused to fight in “the flesh” but chose to battle “in the spirit.” None were concerned to protect themselves, but trusted themselves “to Him who judges righteously.” All of their trust was “in the Lord” because their trust was “the Lord.” All released their attorneys (if that was part of their testing) since they “would rather be wronged or defrauded.” All of them “got out of the way of wickedness” and “let the unbeliever leave” since they “were called to peace.” All refused to do “evil for evil or insult for insult.” All loved their spouse who may have been unfaithful because they knew that “love never fails.”

This is the same journey that the Lord took me on back in 1989. That year I made a promise to God that if He would restore my marriage to my husband, I would devote my life to telling others about Him and His desire and ability to restore ANY marriage no matter what the circumstances. The Lord was faithful and restored my marriage, suddenly, two years later after a divorce. (Yes! AFTER a divorce!) Now I faithfully, with the Lord’s continued help, love, support, and guidance, spread the GOOD news that nothing—NOT A THING—is impossible with God!

It is important to know that our ministry was FOUNDED to help all those who were told by pastors and Christian friends that their situations were HOPELESS. Those who come to us for hope are facing a spouse who is deep in adultery, who has moved out (often in with the other person), who has already filed for divorce or whose divorce has gone through. 99% of those who come, come alone for help since their spouse is not interested in saving their marriage, but is desperately trying to get out. Over 95% claim that they are Christians and most are married to Christians. Over half are in some type of Christian service and many of the men who are involved with other woman are pastors who have left not only their wife and children, but their church as well.

If you, or if someone you know, is facing devastation in their marriage, there is hope. Read these awesome testimonies that prove that God is MORE than able to restore ANY marriage!

Chapter 2

Wonderful Testimonies

*“Your testimonies also are my delight;
They are my counselors”
Psalm 119:24*

Look to GOD!

I suffered (or so I thought) the worst marriage for almost five years. I could not see anything except that God had put my husband and me together just to torture each other. Everything about my husband made me sick. I had no love anymore for him, couldn't stand to be around him, and especially couldn't stand to be intimate.

I finally got so fed up that I started seeking a way out of the marriage, for I knew that God hated divorce. I searched for Scriptures and even sought for approval from other Christians.

One night as I was searching the Word, I asked the Lord for a sign and for my husband to come home and not start with me for no reason at all (as usual). I told the Lord that if he came home and started an argument, that would be the sign, as if it were okay for me to go ahead and file for a divorce the following day.

So guess what happened? Yep!! He came home and started with me, and that was all I needed to make me feel good about what I was planning to do. So I filed, had him put out by the police, and had him served papers. I hurt deeply inside because I knew then that I really did love him but hated his ways.

He immediately told me that he could not live in the same state with me. He left for Florida but called every day wanting to come back home. He even agreed to go to counseling.

On the following Monday, I called to put the divorce on hold and agreed to go to counseling, but would not let my husband come back home because I didn't see the changes that I thought were good enough. Counseling was a mess!! The counselor pretty much kicked us out. He told us that if we could not commit to each other and tell each other that we were both willing to try and give our best, then there was no reason to come back to his office.

WOW!! That was pretty harsh, and I didn't even care. By this time my heart was even harder than it had ever been before. What is worse, I am saved, sanctified, and Holy Ghost filled!! I am the Praise and Worship Leader at my church but could not get my marriage together!! How is that for HOLY?!!

My husband got called up on active duty with the National Guard and, even though his unit didn't have to go out of the country, they had to serve as security for about a year at another army unit. This distance caused him to slide even further back from the Lord, because he didn't have strong support from other men.

After about a year, God started dealing with me about my marriage. I needed to get this thing together!! At the beginning of 2004, I started praying for our marriage and for God to change me.

As I finally began to really want my marriage, my husband had changed his mind and now wanted a divorce! I wanted him to come home, but he did not want to anymore. I just couldn't understand.

One night I was searching the web for restored marriage testimonies. I clicked on the RMI link and read the intro. Talk about God speaking!! I felt like I had hit the jackpot! I truly could see this as a sign that God was going to restore our marriage. I immediately ordered the Resource Packet and joined the fellowship!! I could hardly wait to receive my packet! I was like a child with a brand new toy! I immediately started reading and eating the words!

It was as I began to seek the Lord and stand in the gap that I found out about the so-called OW (other woman)—one for whom my husband bought a cell phone and that I was never supposed to know about. I really relied on RMI and my ePartner. The first ePartner I got did not respond to my email, so I immediately got discouraged. But then I sent another request and was

blessed to have found a true friend!! I thank God for her because she prayed for (and with me), which helped through all my fears and kept me encouraged.

She put a lot of things in perspective and helped me conquer that test!! This was so painful, especially now, because God had started breaking me and showing me how to forgive, filling me with his unconditional love. Love that loves even in the worst situation. Even in sin! My heart was pierced with indescribable pain! I cried for days and couldn't eat but was constantly in prayer. I soon began to realize that God was purifying me! It was painful but very well worth it!!

Every time I thought about the cell phone, which he purchased with a contract, or it would ring, I got mad. I constantly let the devil defeat me with that cell phone! All I could see was that he was divorcing me and was going to go be with her. By this time my husband was constantly telling me that he was back to be with me and to stop worrying about something that I couldn't change. (His telling me that did not help me; he could have been lying for all I knew.)

One morning while praying (before I found RMI), the Spirit told me to go to 1 Peter 3:1: "In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives." As I read, I knew what it was saying but at the same time I didn't. I asked God over and over, "What does this mean?" Then, as I started reading my resources, there it was!!!

Learning to say "not a word" was so hard! Yes, I failed that test many times!! (Thank You, Lord, for being so forgiving.) I also learned what it really means to be in subjection and submissive to my husband. My hardest test was being submissive and obedient while there was a divorce pending, and knowing about the OW.

When my husband told me that he did not see us being able to start over unless we got a divorce first, God showed me that He was in control and we would start over without a divorce. God showed me that my husband's heart was truly in His hands and He would turn it sooner than I would think!

After finding RMI and my constantly seeking the Lord, my husband and I grew closer and closer. We spent every day together. God showed me His power in many, many situations.

God had given me so many confirmations that He had already restored my marriage and, even with a divorce hearing scheduled for May 25, I had no doubt that God was going to restore our marriage. I was full of faith. My ePartner was full of faith. One of my closest friends at work was full of faith. All we were waiting for was the manifestation—the true sign: the divorce cancellation!!

On Sunday, May 2, my husband told me that he loved me!! PTL!!

And then on Thursday, May 6, he spoke the words that I had been waiting to hear: "I am not going to go through with the divorce." PTL!! Hallelujah!

On Mother's Day, he gave me back my original wedding rings, which I had declared I would never wear again and said that, if he wanted me back, he would have to buy me a new set. When I saw those rings, they were new enough for me. He even put them on my finger himself. He has moved back home and that in itself is WONDERFUL, because he had told me that he did not want to come back to this same apartment. But look at GOD....

I encourage everyone to hold onto every promise of the Lord, for He is faithful and will do exceedingly abundantly above all that you could ask or even just think about! Trust me—I know! Don't give up—the end result is so much worth the wait and even the pain!!

All the resources are wonderful but I truly found the *How God Can and Will Restore Your Marriage* and *A Wise Woman* to be the most helpful! They immediately made me see myself and caused me to repent for many, many things, and many, many times.

I truly thank God because even when my ePartner saw the signs of restoration, she did not get jealous—she just prayed even harder for the complete restoration and manifestation of restoration. I love you, Laura, a dear friend for life!! God has promised you restoration and He will do just what He said!! Get ready, get ready, get ready! Your blessing is coming!!

Clarissa, RESTORED in Georgia

Restoration! God has Changed my Life!

In October of 2003, the worst possible thing I could imagine happened. My husband of 12 years told me that he wanted to leave. I was devastated, and didn't know what to do. Desperately, I began searching and praying for something to show me what I needed to do to gain back the man I loved. I found Restore Ministries over the Internet a few weeks later. I know it was the Lord who led me to the website. I immediately ordered the *Restore Your Marriage* and *A Wise Woman*. What a blessing! I read and read until I couldn't read any more. God started showing me all that I had done to cause my husband to leave our home. I was contentious, spiritually prideful, and arrogant. God convicted me of my sins, and I pleaded with Him to help me change. Praise God, He had mercy on me and changed my life!

As I continued to pray and fast, I noticed my husband's heart softening towards me a few months later. He began spending more time at our home and staying for longer periods of time. Around Christmastime, the Lord worked a miracle. He led my husband to spend the night so that our children would not have to be without him on Christmas Day! Praise the Lord! After that, and into the New Year, he started to spend less time with the OW and more with the children and me. We started to communicate as husband and wife again, and a month later, he decided to give our marriage another chance. He said that he did not want to see 12 years of marriage wasted away, and realized his life was turning upside down without us!

On February 19, 2004 my husband moved back home! We are learning to seek the Lord first in everything we do. As I look back, I realize that the Lord was not my first love. My husband was. I learned that I had to release my husband and my marriage to God in order to see any kind of turnaround. When I did, it worked! God is so very gracious, awesome and loving. I thank Him for allowing me another chance to be the wife I was called to be. I pray that each day brings about further blessings from the Lord and that I never lose sight of Him again. My desire is to serve Him day and night for the rest of my life.

I also want to thank Restore Ministries and my prayer partner for not giving up on me. You encouraged me, supported me, and rebuked me. You helped me to not be fearful and to continue to believe that my husband would one day return. God bless you, RMI, for your ministry! May the Lord continue to keep you in His tender care.

Yvette, RESTORED in Pennsylvania

Jesus Raised Her Marriage from the Dead!

Praise the Lord, in order for the Lord to get my attention, He removed my husband from me two and a half years ago. My old life and marriage had to be destroyed for God to begin something new in my life and marriage.

I was a "Christian girl" all my life—a Pentecostal going to church on Sundays and tearing down my household as a foolish woman on other days. When my husband left in July of 2002 after our tenth anniversary, he told me he would never come back and he headed straight to his lawyer friends, who all decided that it was in his best interest to divorce me and start new life without me and our daughter, who was nine years old at that time.

At this point I knew he was serious and he was leaving. I was so desperate that I turned to my senior pastor for help. He and his wife just hugged me and that was it. I turned to all my church friends, but all they said was to forget about him.

From the beginning, when my husband left, God put in my heart that He would restore my marriage but I didn't know how. The Lord gave me John 11: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

I knew He allowed my situation of separation and divorce for His glory. I went crazy and went to different bookstores, including Christian bookstores, but I couldn't find anything about restoring marriage. Then I starting going on Internet looking at different Christian sites about marriage. One night I was crying so hard as I was typing. It was the divine power of the mighty Abba Papa Almighty, my very being, my all and all—oh, I love Him and cannot praise Him enough! Hold my hand and type "restore marriage" and push the button "search." Praise the Lord—there it was!—the RMI website looking me right in the face! I screamed so loud and call my daughter to come and see what mama has found. We both were so excited—I knew God was behind all this.

The next day I called RMI and said, "I want to become a member," and I signed up right away. I ordered the *How God Can and Will Restore Your Marriage* book and other materials because I was so desperate, hoping against hope, and I was willing do whatever God wanted me to do! I didn't have the money but I charged it on a credit card—I would rather be buying something to do with the kingdom of God and in debt than spending on my worldly desires and debt.

As I sought the Lord, He drew near to me, and at the same time He removed people I was depending on and took them away from me. He changed me and taught me to depend on Him by running to Him when in need instead of to the arm of flesh.

He taught me to really pray—I mean pray like I never did before—and to fast. One of the biggest things He broke me of was never to talk about my situation to anyone but Him and Him alone. As I obeyed Him on that, He was so faithful to me that most of my close friends at work didn't even know that my husband had been gone.

God has protected me and our little girl. He made me into a lover of His Word, and now I seek Him in everything I do in my life. Jesus has become not just my Savior but also my precious Lord and best friend, the Lover of my very soul and being. Glory to His powerful name: Jesus!

As I sought the Lord and became so close to Him, my situation didn't get better but worse. My husband went ahead and divorced me, even though the hate wall was down. I didn't hire any lawyer; I didn't have to because I have the best lawyer on my side—His name is Jesus.

God told me two months in advance as I was walking my dog in the park that the divorce would go through in order for my husband to heal. God said He would allow it, but “don't be afraid—I am with you.” At that time I had the peace that passes all human understanding in my soul. But that didn't stop me from fasting and praying against that divorce going through. After the divorce, things turned around for good.

God taught me during this trial so much, including that God *is* faithful to His Word, and He is merciful and full of love. The resources from RMI—God used them to teach me, including the *How God Can and Will Restore Your Marriage* book, the *Wise Woman* workbook, and videos. I very much recommend them to everyone—they were a big part of my desire to restore my marriage. I knew that what God could do for you, He could do for me too.

The two and a half years was difficult not just for me but for our little girl also. Finding out about the OW was hard—I felt helpless because I wasn't anything because I wasn't his wife legally, and I cried into the arm of God. My daughter was very sick because I could not afford groceries—I bought the cheapest frozen pizza, and she got sick from eating it. I had dropped her off to her daddy's place before I went work. He called me later and asked me what I fed her the night before. I answered “pizza.” He asked where I got it, and I told him, and he got mad. I didn't say anything back to him—I just took all the insults and told him I would do better next time.

I went right into my Father's mighty arm and cried, emptying everything to Him. I said, “Father, he was with the OW eating dinner in the expensive place in town, buying good food, whole food, and taking expensive trips, and here I am doing the best I can to put food on the table for my precious baby girl and yet it is not good enough. Lord, I am the wife of his youth. I helped him through his college and even helped him through finishing his doctor's degree. But now to him I am nothing.” I told God I don't care about any person or any thing anymore—all I want is just Him and me. And He held me and told me that “soon the wicked will be cut off and destroyed and you will go in and conquer the land.” As He whispered this sweet promise into my ear four months ago, I fell asleep into His arms.

The turning point in our restoration was when I let God be God and just loved Him and asked Him to give me the grace to love my new husband with His unconditional love. God brought him to a point where nothing was working for him. He was so miserable with the OW, at his work, because my God built a wall around him and he could not find his lovers and could not overtake them. Then he said, “I will go back to my wife for it was better for me.”

Those were his words, which he told me around June, when he invited me and our daughter to our summer cabin. He told me he had ended the relationship with the OW, and told her he has had a girlfriend all along, that she is his best friend and soul mate and he loves her and wants to be with her. I turned to him. “Who is that girl?” I asked. He turned to me with pure love in his eyes and said, “This girl is you.” He told me, “You're the best. I don't know what else I was looking for.” I was praising the Lord in my spirit as he was saying these things!

On Wednesday July 7 at 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning, the Lord woke me up to pray. I asked the Lord, “Pray for what and for who?” One of the lesson the Lord taught me during this trial was that He would wake me up in the middle of the night to pray for a certain person or situation. The Lord knew the typical questions I would ask: “Lord, now what, who, and why? Do I have pray, or can it wait until I am fully awake?” God always wins out.

Anyway, on that night He said, “Pray for your husband's deliverance.” I said, “From what?” He said, “From the enemy.” So I began praying half asleep, then the Lord said, “Stop praying and just keeping praising Me and thanking Me, for I have delivered him from the land of the enemy and I will bring him home to live in peace and safety.”

Around 7:00 a.m., I got ready and got the house clean and I was so excited. And when I asked my daughter to get ready, she looked me and said, "Mom, you okay?" I said, "Yes I am." I told her that God woke me up and said He is bringing daddy today—daddy has been delivered from the land of the enemy!

Around 9:00 a.m., my new husband called. When our daughter answered the phone, he said, "I need to talk to Mom." I said hi, and he said, "I really need you. Would you come and take me home?" He was calling from his apartment. When I put down the phone, I began praising God with my daughter and our dog, jumping and shouting.

After that, I drove to his apartment and brought him home. He called his landlord to terminate his lease, even though he has to pay for an extra month. He called his family and told them about us. I know God brought him home—I had nothing to do with it. God did all the changes in me, and He will continue to change me more into His image every day. Glory and honor to His holy name!! I bless Him! Thank You, Jesus, for your sacrifice—one more marriage has been restored!

Daisy, RESTORED in Wisconsin

Dear Reader,

It gives me such joy to introduce this testimony to you this month. God never ceases to thrill me with who He is. He is a God who is sovereign, for it was almost exactly two years ago that I saw Lisa at the Fourth of July celebration at our church, where she told me that the Lord had restored her marriage!

One morning after church, I was waiting for a woman I was to meet so I could give her a copy of the RYM book. While I was waiting, one of our altar workers, who knew my testimony and about our ministry, brought a woman over to me and said she needed to talk to me. But Lisa didn't talk—she just began to weep with her head down. So I took her hands and began to share with her that God was about to help her, that God could restore her marriage, and many other things that the Holy Spirit spoke through me that I don't remember.

The more I spoke, the more her tears fell, on my hands and on my feet. I prayed with her and then at the close said that I had been waiting for a woman to give the RYM book to, but I believed that God knew all the time that Lisa was coming and the book was for her. She wept even more, we hugged, and I did not see her again.

Then some time later, our pastor shared that a woman had her marriage restored, whose husband had been gone for years. Though I speak to many in our church about restoration (we attend a mega church), I knew it had to be "her." Months went by and as she came to mind, I kept asking the Lord to reveal if Lisa was the woman who had restoration. I knew I would never be able to find her because I really didn't know what she looked like, since she cried the entire time with her head down.

Then two years ago, Lisa came up to me and said that her marriage was restored!

Since that time I have been blessed to see Lisa and her husband sitting in the front of the church. Once I ran into them coming out after a service and I made a point of introducing myself to her husband. Lisa looked worried at first, thinking I might reveal how we knew each other, but I was just so thrilled to be shaking the hand of a miracle.

You will be blessed as she shares her heart and her testimony with you today.

Restored through Humility!

Five years ago, my husband and I got married. A few months after that, I found out that he had someone else, and he told me that he felt it best to get a divorce. I was devastated and, needless to say, depressed. This went on for almost two and a half years. During those years, I continued to go to church and read Scripture, mostly the Psalms and Proverbs.

During that time, God took me to the wilderness to where only He and I spent time together. Only through total brokenness did God really begin to speak to me. I had so many bad habits that involved control and anger. He had to get rid of those before He could really work in my marriage. I kept reading about the restored marriages and wondered why mine was not happening. Now I realize that through brokenness, prayer, and fasting God breaks through to us. He was there all of the time, yet with my tainted view of life, I never really saw what He was doing.

I found Restore Ministries through a woman at our church who led me to RMI. RMI prayed with me and gave me a Restore Your Marriage book that was originally intended for someone else—the Lord knew I needed it desperately! I also recommend the *A Wise Woman*. The Scriptures were especially helpful.

God began to change me and soften my heart. He taught me humbleness (something I have never been very good at) and He taught me to look to Him and not at my circumstances. He taught me to run to His Word and not my friends. Better yet, He taught me to pray instead of speaking my mind immediately! During this past two and a half years that my husband has been back home, our relationship improves every day. I see God working on my husband's heart in areas that I have been praying about for a long time. He continues to work on my heart because the enemy loves to creep in and steal my joy if he can.

God's Word kept telling me to "*wait*." I hated that word at one time. I even told the Lord that I didn't like *waiting*. His loving patience kept me waiting. Waiting on Him, waiting until my heart was ready for what He had in store for me, waiting for the Lord to work on my husband's heart. "Be still and know that I am God"—that was something that God really had to teach me. I am a person of action and wanting to fix things, right now! God's Word (especially the Psalms) helped me to realize that waiting on God is the only way to have victory in any circumstance.

I can remember when the OW would call the house or my husband would leave to go call her. I would begin praising the Lord and telling Him how much I loved Him. When I didn't know what to say, I would repeat over and over, "By Your grace, Lord, cover me in Your grace...."

Oftentimes, my husband would come in more loving or would want to spend time with me. Also, it often turned out that he wasn't doing what I feared the most. I truly believe that by praising the Lord during those times, the enemy was sent back to where he belongs. Prayer and praise break the bonds of the enemy!!

I would say that the turning point of my marriage restoration was when I took my eyes *off* of my marriage and put them on the Lord. Things didn't happen overnight for me. It has been a slow process, but I think that I know why: God knows my temperament, my strong will, and my control issues. I believe that God brings my marriage along at a pace that He knows is best for me and my husband. I continually pray for His wisdom, His guidance, His eyes to see with, and a heart like Jesus'. He continues to show me how He is restoring our marriage one day at a time.

I praise the Lord because He loves me enough to teach me His ways as I seek His guidance. My husband wants to be with me, He wants to go to church with me, and He gets more and more involved with time. He speaks of us growing old together and makes plans for our lives in the future. He is becoming more sensitive to my needs and wants. He also communicates to me in a way that helps ease any insecurity that may linger from what happened in the past.

God has truly been transforming both of us, which is my prayer. I see God working in our lives in ways that only the Lord knows how! He is such a faithful God Who really loves us and knows us!

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