

*By the Word of Their  
Testimony*

And they overcame him because of the  
blood of the Lamb and because of the  
**word of their testimony . . .**  
—Revelation 12:11

Incredible and Powerful  
Testimonies of Restored  
Marriages From Men

# By the Word of Their Testimony

## *Incredible and Powerful Testimonies From Men*



Published by:  
Restore Ministries Publishing  
POB 830  
Ozark, MO 65721 U.S.A.

The materials from Restore Ministries are used to stop divorce and to restore families. For more information, visit us at: **RestoreMinistries.net**. Permission from the author has been given to those who want to print or photocopy this book for themselves or others. This book can not be sold in any shape or form without written permission from the author.

Unless otherwise indicated, most Scripture verses are taken from the *New American Standard Bible* (NASB). Scripture quotations marked KJV are taken from the *King James Version* of the Bible, and Scripture quotations marked NIV are taken from the *New International Version*. Our ministry is not partial to any particular version of the Bible but **love** them all to help everyone in any denomination who has a desire to restore her marriage.

Copyright © 2010

Library of Congress Control number:

ISBN 1-931800-06-5

# Contents

1. Your Divine Appointment.....	4
2. Restored AFTER I Divorced and Remarried .....	
3. Remarried but Resentful.....	
4. A Hopeless Marriage Restored .....	
5. A Reason to Never Give Up!!!.....	
6. Supernatural Marriage Restoration .....	
7. My Wife Is Home—Praise God!.....	
8. Restored by Doing it Christ’s Way!.....	
9. The Power of God Moved in my Life!.....	
10. AWESOME Restoration in Cincinnati! .....	
11. Restored in the Philippines! .....	
12. Restored and my ePartner Too!! .....	
13. Marriage “Saved” in Michigan!!! .....	
14. Adultery Over! .....	
15. Awesome Restoration in New Zealand!!! .....	
16. Tragedy Turns to Triumph!! .....	
17. Restored after I put Him First .....	
18. Restored and now a Pastor .....	

---

# Chapter 1

## 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!

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!

“My partner was scheduled to go to his final divorce hearing and asked me to fast and pray with him. Only two days after my wife told me she wanted to come home, my ePartner’s wife went to the attorney and canceled their divorce!! Both our wives chose to stop the divorce and restore the marriage in the very same week!! I was two weeks away from a divorce and my ePartner was only 3 days from the court date!”

Who are we and what are we hoping to do?

Restore Ministries helps those who have found themselves in a hopeless situation: those whose spouse is in adultery, has left them, 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, and a variety of resources.

**“Let Another Praise You”—Proverbs 27:2**

---

*“Thank You so much LORD . . . for giving all of us RMI to assist You in bringing families together after enduring such hard times. The praise goes to the LORD; many thanks and blessings to Restore Ministries and their family for the work they do to help deliver His word in ways that many can understand. My wife of 17 years divorced me but she now has been home for three weeks after a year and a half of being divorced and 21 months apart!”*  
C.B.

*“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.

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!!**

**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 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 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 percent 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 percent claim that they are Christians and most are married to Christians.

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!





# About the Author

Erin Thiele has been blessed to be the mother of four boys, Dallas, Axel, Easton, and Cooper, and three girls, Tyler, Tara, and Macy. Her faith and life was founded on the Rock during her struggle to restore her own marriage, in 1989, when Erin's husband had left her for another woman and eventually divorced her.

Restore Ministries began when Erin searched every denomination in her area but was unable to find the help or hope that she needed.

Erin wrote the books for women and then the publisher asked her to write a book for men due to the many requests from men in prisons where her book was restoring marriages!

## **The Testimony of How God Restored Our Marriage**

*by Dan Thiele*

In January of 1989, I left Erin for another woman. However, the Lord gave Erin the heart and endurance to believe God could restore our marriage. It was during this fiery trial that Erin became a new woman. She studied the Bible concerning marriage and began to apply the

principles in her life. Like the three youths who were thrown into the fiery furnace, Erin too became “loosed” of things in her life that had her “bound.” She also found herself walking with another, her precious Lord. (See Daniel 3:25.)

Everyone, even the most respected pastors in our city, told Erin that it was hopeless to fight against my desire to leave her and be with another woman. But Erin found in God’s Word that “nothing is impossible with God”! (Luke 1:37) It was during this time that she founded Restore Ministries to help other women who also wanted their marriages restored. She began by sharing with each of them the Scriptures the Lord had shown her. Soon there were too many women to help individually, so she began to type out the Bible references on an old typewriter her mom gave her. Some of the women who came to her meetings had never held a Bible in their hands, so Erin began to type out entire verses and then make copies to minister to these hurting and abandoned women.

However, the more Erin helped other women, the worse her situation became. Her fiery furnace was turned up when I actually divorced her in October of 1990 when the other woman paid for it. However, I saw she had such a peace, the peace she needed to not fight or contest the divorce, but to trust in her Lord. Undaunted, Erin continued to minister to other women by sharing the more of the Word of God. She later told me that she promised the Lord that if He would restore her marriage to the man she loved, me, she would devote her entire life to helping women in marriage crises. He did and she did.

Our marriage was miraculously restored a large part due to Erin's obedience to not obtain an attorney. God delivered me from my mistake (that I actually immediately regretted once it was final) when it was discovered that even though the judge had granted the divorce on October 30, the papers that had been filed by my attorney had to be overturned due to an error in the paperwork! This, to me, was the first sign from God that He would "somehow" deliver me from the cords that had me bound to the adulteress. Had Erin had an attorney, the divorce would not have been overturned.

Erin, who had "hoped against all hope" (one of her favorite scriptures Rom. 4:18), received her miracle on January 29, 1991 at 11:10 p.m. when I finally returned home to Erin and our four young children. This was after my adultery, and after I divorced her, just a little over two years after I left her.

### **The Beginning of Restore Ministries International**

Over the next five years, the Lord gave us both the desires of our hearts and blessed us with three more "restoration" babies as Erin continued to minister to other women. In 1996 the first version of *How God Can and Will Restore Your Marriage* was published locally and sent around the world. This book was made up key chapters taken out of *A Wise Woman Builds Her House: By A FOOL Who Tore Hers Down with Her Own Hands* that Erin put together. These were simply

the lessons she wrote for her Restoration Fellowship that began when I was gone and continued every week for years after I came back home.

That's when thousands of requests for her book started coming in to our ministry Restore Ministries International and our publishers from all over the U.S. and from abroad.

Many books were sent to prisons all over the U.S. Men wrote saying they were so blessed and began experiencing restored marriages after reading the restoration book for women! That's when Erin was led to write a version for men. Later she wrote a manual for men, *A Wise Man Builds upon a Rock: By A FOOL Who Built on Sinking Sand* to accompany the men's restoration book and more marriages were restored.

Today, through Restore Ministries International, we now minister to men and women primarily over the Internet and through books, and videos. In 2005 RMI was divided into two ministries: Encouraging Women and Encouraging Men.

I have seen in my life, and in so many people we have helped, that God is more than able to heal and save any marriage!

I encourage you to read, reread and read over again the books to learn the truth that will save your marriage and also all the testimonies to build your faith so you too will BELIEVE the Lord's promises about restoring your marriage!

When you read the testimonies mark all the “seemingly” impossible situations that are similar to yours; but please, **don’t** focus on how your situation is different. Of course it is because God is looking, actually “roaming to and fro throughout the WHOLE earth, looking for those whose hearts are completely His. To STRONGLY support you” ([2 Chronicles 16:9](#)) to give you a testimony that is different, unique and “seemingly” impossible if it weren’t for GOD to help someone else.

Our first FAITH BUILDING *By the Word of Their Testimony* book has both first person and third person testimonies. Before we had a place to send in Praise Reports to our website, we received restored marriage testimonies through many different sources. All of us love to hear it right from the person’s own lips, so now we have first person testimonies in most of our other testimonies books. Whether in first or third person, all these testimonies give “glory to God”!

Erin told me that what got her through the divorce I filed against her (because of the fool I was) that her friend Sue (that I once met), her husband told Erin, “If you are loving your husband like Sue loved me, and you are following all same things that Sue did with me—your marriage will be restored too. And one more thing, even if he says he doesn’t love you, he does.”

Let me say the same thing to each of you. If you follow what Erin teaches in her books and take to heart what she says in her videos, like

letting your husband or wife go (because that's what got my attention). And if you obtain the same quiet and submissiveness that I saw that Erin had (and that I have seen in so many women who came to our ministry that now have a restored marriage). Then there is no doubt that your husband will come home too. And if he told you he doesn't love you no matter what he says, he does. Just follow the Lord and fall in love with Him too and don't get in the way of what God is doing. It took a lot for me to see the mistakes I made and the same is true for your husband or wife.

Speaking to you men, I have read the kind of men emerge after reading these books. I know it is due to the Scripture verses that are what takes up the majority of pages because that is what changes you. It seems that it's a crisis in your wife's life that is going to give you the chance to step in and be the man she needs. This causes her to fall in love with you again. I am not speaking from my own experience but in observing men who were men and those who were not ready and blew it.

One last thing before I end. Erin never heard of one marriage that was restored before she helped Sue and saw Sue's marriage restored. Yet we get so many men and women who have all the hundreds of restored marriage testimonies from our books and posted on our site. And they have all the things Erin (and Sue) had to search for in their bibles (that are now in her all of her books) and they still complain that their situations are too difficult.

Honestly I don't know how Erin did it, but I know that if you want what God wants to give you (and save your husband or wife from where he or she is headed) then do it God's way by faith. I never gave Erin a hint I would ever come back, but she looked to the Lord and became radiant.

“They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces will never be ashamed”—Psalm 34:5

**[www.RestoreMinistries.net](http://www.RestoreMinistries.net)**  
**or**  
**[www.EncouragingMen.org](http://www.EncouragingMen.org)**

**“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,**  
Because the **Lord** has *anointed me*  
To bring **good news** to the *afflicted*;  
He has sent me to **bind up** the *brokenhearted*,  
To proclaim **liberty** to *captives*,  
And **freedom** to *prisoners*;  
To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord,  
And the day of vengeance of our God;  
To **comfort** all who **mourn**,  
To grant those who mourn in Zion,  
Giving them a **garland** instead of *ashes*,  
The oil of **gladness** instead of *mourning*,  
The **mantle of praise** instead of a *spirit of fainting*.  
So they will be **called** *oaks of righteousness*,  
The **planting** of the *Lord*,  
that **HE MAY BE GLORIFIED**.  
Then they will **rebuild** the ancient *ruins*,  
They will **raise up** the *former devastations*,  
And they will **repair** the *ruined cities*,  
The **desolations** of *many generations*.”

Isaiah 61:1–4

# INDEX

## A

adultery..... 5, 9, 50  
agape.....15  
angry.....25  
anniversary .....26  
arguing .....62  
At Last There's Hope.....48  
attorney ..... 5, 42, 44, 53

## B

*baby* ..... 61, 62  
Bible ..... 14, 15  
broken ..... 20, 27, 41

## C

called to peace ..... 8  
children. 28, 30, 35, 53, 54, 55, 56,  
57, 58, 59, 60, 63  
Christians ..... 9  
church.... 10, 11, 19, 24, 32, 35, 39,  
46, 51, 64, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73  
confessed.....39  
counseling..... 23, 25  
covenant .....29

## D

Dan.....29, 46, 52, 54  
despair..... 22, 27  
didn't love me .....17  
divorce ...2, 5, 9, 14, 15, 19, 23, 36,  
42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 50, 57, 62,  
64  
*divorced*..... 6, 14, 28, 29, 63

## E

enemy .....29, 34, 41, 51  
ePartner..... 5  
Erin..... 29, 46, 52

## F

faith..... 16, 28, 30, 39, 56  
fear .....26  
forgiveness .....30, 40, 55

## G

give up.....19, 41  
God.. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, 18,  
22, 23, 24, 25, 31, 32, 33, 34,  
35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42,  
44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56,  
57, 58, 60, 63  
God's Word..... 17, 18, 42, 44

## H

healing .....26  
His Word ..... 7, 18  
Holy Spirit.....15, 16, 39  
HopeAtLast.com..... 2  
hoped against hope..... 7  
hopeless..... 4, 5, 6, 7, 17, 27  
How God Can and Will Restore  
Your Marriage .....23, 35  
humble .....51  
hurt..... 31, 39, 40, 44

## I

I love you..... 55  
impossible .....5, 7, 9, 46, 59  
in the flesh..... 51

## J

*Jesus*.. 6, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 37, 41,  
47  
Jesus Christ ..... 14  
journey..... 8, 30

## L

lawyer .....57  
let the unbeliever leave .....8

*love* .....2  
love never fails .....8

*M*

ministry .....2  
miracle..... 7, 44, 56  
mistakes .....29

*N*

never give up..... 41  
nothing was impossible with God  
.....7

*O*

obedience..... 45  
OM.....30, 31  
overcome evil with good.....8

*P*

pastor .....38, 39  
pastors..... 5, 9, 73, 76  
peace .....24, 54  
Pharisee..... 33  
*Praise God* .....6, 46, 57, 59, 60  
*praise reports* ..... 58  
prayer partner ..... 44  
prayers ..... 28, 32, 58, 59  
praying ..... 16, 17, 36, 40, 48, 56  
pregnant ..... 31, 49, 62, 63  
Proverbs.....5

*R*

remarried ..... 14, 15  
respect ..... 15, 16  
restoration ... 19, 38, 39, 41, 48, 52,  
61, 64  
Restore Ministries .5, 6, 14, 17, 28,  
35, 37  
restored .... 4, 6, 7, 9, 38, 40, 45, 46,  
60  
restored marriage..... 4, 7

*S*

salvation ..... 19, 34  
Satan ..... 29, 33  
Scripture .....26  
separated..... 22, 45  
separation..... 19, 23, 24, 28, 42, 64  
sin ..... 38, 39, 40

*T*

this marriage was over.....23  
trials .....28, 29, 40, 45

*U*

unforgiveness.....30

*W*

wedding..... 26, 64

**Restore Ministries**

**International**

**POB 830**

**Ozark, MO 65721**

**Visit our Website for Men**

**[EncouragingMen.org](http://EncouragingMen.org)**