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“And they overcame him because of the
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 book. 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 twenty five 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, then join our Internet Restoration Fellowship Online and you'll receive an ePartner (email partner) who will help you see your marriage through to restoration during your rebuilding phase of your journey. 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 RMIEW.com. 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: couples whose spouse is in adultery, has left, has filed for divorce, or any other seemingly impossible marital situation. These broken people have often sought help, but everyone (many times even their pastors) have told them their marriage was hopeless. However, we not only believe that no marriage is hopeless – regardless of the circumstances—we know they aren't. That's why we offer hope, help and encouragement through our website, our Restoration Fellowship, and a variety of resources including a variety of newsletters to spiritual feed and uplift you daily!

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. We also take no support from anyone but the individuals themselves who are seeking restoration so that we are never told we must comprise sharing His full truths. 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 who offered them no hope or support, we have given them hope and we have become an 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 only, 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. Also Slovakian, Chinese, Russian, Italian and some Hindi.

Jesus said that you “will know them by their fruits” that’s why this book and all our *By the Word of Their Testimony* books are filled with testimonies of hopeless marriages that were restored, marriages that give glory to God and to the Power of His Word. Our *WOTT* books are growing at such a phenomenal rate that we were once unable to keep up with getting them published. Now we have a full team devoted to keeping up.

If you have any doubt about the validity of our ministry, you won’t after reading this and our other awesome books. Each 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

Thank you for putting God's truth in an easy & accessible format. I realized I've been the problem in my marriage & I needed God to change me. I've grown closer to God & I see positive changes in my EH & marriage in such a short time. I have hope again. I'm encouraged daily.

My husband was living with OW. I didn't have any contact with my EH for months. I was depressed & suicidal.

Thank you, Lord, for leading me to RMI and showing me truth. Thank you for saving me from being a Pharisee. Thank you for changing my relationships for the better.

Dear friend, when your situation seems to be getting worse, praise God harder because God's power is stronger in our weakness. God is always working behind the scenes & working everything for your good. Never give up hope. Cry out to God & see Him move in your situation.

Keep trusting God. Allow God to work on you. Be still & see God move in your life.

~ Melissa in New Mexico Restored

I don't think that Thank You is enough to cover how much gratitude I feel! This course has been so very beneficial in my walk with the Lord! I have had principles taught and mostly reinforced to me. I know that He has anointed this ministry and led me here. I am so very very grateful that the course was given to me because it is so priceless!!

Thank you to the beautiful partners that sow into this ministry to make it possible for more and more marriages to be restored!

When I found you, I was and am still separated, but not legally. I was and still am believing God for a miracle in my marriage. These resources have confirmed many things about what I was doing wrong as a wife. They also helped me to be able to know I needed to let my husband know that I realize these things now and I don't blame him for wanting a divorce.

Thank You, Lord, for leading me to these wonderful resources. Please continue to bless and anoint them and all the ministers. Please help me to sow hope into other women to have restored marriages. Thank You for forgiving me. Thank you that you love marriage and you are teaching me to be the wife of my husband's dreams.

Dear Sister, I prayed for you before I began this note because that is the most POWERFUL gift I can give. I am pleased to be able to give you this gift because I know that my God shall supply all of my needs according to His riches in Glory. Please be sure to seek first His Kingdom and let everything else (husband and family) be added to you. I know that it is easier said than done but the Lord will honor your efforts when you put Him first. He will partner with you when you give him your YES. Keep your eyes on the Lord in all things and hide His Word in your heart so you will not Fear. NOTHING is IMPOSSIBLE for GOD!

When I first began here I had been on the Restoration Journey for a while and I was having a rather difficult time. I believe the Lord lead me here at just the right time. I think the main thing I learned is to Trust in the Lord with all your heart as in Proverb 3:5-6.

~ Rachel in Ontario Restored

I want to thank the partners of RMI for whom I had the privilege of taking the courses: RYM, Renew, Wise Woman and all the Abundant Life series FREE to me! And now I am just beginning the course of Living the Abundant Life today and can already see the good fruits that it has brought into my life—each of these courses and lessons learned!

I am deeply grateful to God for bringing me to this ministry and with you, dear partners, by faithfully tithing as this has given so many of us the opportunity to know the truth and be free!! God bless each of your lives greatly for your loyalty and for donating to RMI so faithfully.

My relationship with my Beloved HH has grown and I'm being restored daily, which is quite exciting! Pain and tears are gone and today, thanks to how you've blessed me, there is a smile on my face, because knowing Him as my HH has been the best experience of my life, and would not have been possible without your donations, thousand and thousand of thanks!!

I thank God for leading me to this material, like the first book “How God can and will restore your marriage” it removed the blindfolds, helped me see my situation through the eyes of God, I could understand my situation and it definitely gave me hope, and the guidelines and principles that would help me find the restoration, read daily devotional and corresponding lesson of the book and fill out the forms of “what I learned” allowed me to get closer, pour out my heart to Him and know better my HH, who has become my all and all!!!

After following the principles, I've seen the changes in me and in my marriage. I know that God continues to work on both, and that in His time, restoration will continue to come, for now, I focus on Him and enjoy this time with my HH even more than before restoration!

Dear bride, follow each course and follow the instructions given to you along each, obedience has its rewards. Gradually you will see how He is working and is responding to your prayers, you will see how the crying decreases and joy returns back to your life in a supernatural way, you will see how the peace that surpasses all understanding envelops you even in situations that your eyes see could be disastrous. He will embrace you every moment!!! You'll fall in love with Him and you'll feel full and satisfied!

Thank you, dear partners, for the book "By the word of their testimony" definitely encouraged me throughout my journey, reading testimonials everyday helped me realize that my marriage had hope that my testimony someday will be one of those in your books! That's why I'll be helping to distribute paperback books to poor Latin-speaking countries.

Before finding this Ministry I had sought help many and some relatives of my EH, I prayed but did not know my HH at all actually. All I did on the advice of (well-meaning) pastors and my family made matters much worse. It turned my EH against me, I had no peace, was bitter, sad, crying all the time, did not eat and no longer I wanted to live. With these attitudes, my home was nothing but a disaster and a place where no one wanted to be.

That's when my HH heard my cry and gave me a "Hope at Last"! I fill out the questionnaire and start reading the book of RYM through, then I understood and I could see all my mistakes, I realized I'd definitely contributed a lot in the destruction of my marriage! But glory to God, His truth set me free!!

My Love!! Like every day I thank You again for guiding me to the truth, thank You that through these resources I could know the truth, experience this love towards You and have the revelation of Your love for me, which was what made the difference in wanting to live. I am eternally grateful to You my love, because I have more than I deserve, having You has been the best thing that ever happened to me! Now I know You, Your love has filled my heart and with that I I gained life! Thanks, my Love!!

~ Natty in Denmark Restored

We put this book and all our *Word of Their Testimony* books 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 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 can “turn the heart” whichever way He chooses.

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 man or woman who committed adultery with), 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 and larger we were unable to keep up with printing all of them in a book!

Chapter 1

Whitley

“Better is a dry morsel
and quietness
with it than a house full of feasting
with strife”
—Proverbs 17:1

“Discover your HH. Fall in Love. Make Him number One”

Whitley, how did your restoration actually begin?

Well, it all started when my son got sick and I took him to the pediatrician. My son's pediatrician said that if it did not improve to inform him. My son did not improve so I sent him a text message asking him what I could do. From there every day I received a message from him asking if my son had improved and soon we became friends. He began to compliment me on my wonderful mothering, but when that happened, I tried to change the because I was uncomfortable. It wasn't planned, when we became friends, but at the time, I didn't see the harm being friendly with my son's pediatrician because it was easier if he had a problem.

My mistake was being too innocent or maybe stupid, because I simply had not realized what was happening. In one of our conversations the doctor said that he liked to write poetry and that's actually is my passion. I'm a teacher and I have written a lot of poetry myself, but nobody ever cared. So, when this man actually wanted to read what I wrote I got really excited. That day, even though I had lots, I sent him just two to read.

Of course, I was finding it strange having received so many compliments from him, it seemed he was texting me every day with a new topic to discuss but I just enjoyed the attention. So, just to be sure it was okay, I decided to copy part of the conversation and I emailed to a friend.

Then one day, I was trying to help a friend who was also having problems in her marriage and asked my husband to send her an email for me. My account was open because I had nothing to hide. That's when he saw all the pediatrician's messages that I'd emailed my friend that I'd copied from my phone. He was furious. That day he packed a bag and he left home for 4 days. When he returned he had separation papers for me to sign— even though nothing happened.

How did God change your situation Whitley as you sought Him wholeheartedly?

I have been a Christian since I was 19 but I had fallen away. Many times, I would not go to church in order to stay home with my husband to make him happy. Little did I know that having this attitude, not just about church, but putting him first above everything— proved I was unintentionally putting my husband in first place. When everything happened, and my husband said he wanted a separation, I finally turned to God for help. I had the book *How God Can and Will Restore Your Marriage* but had not read yet. I don't remember who gave it to me, or why, but there it sat.

Desperately I searched for a church close to home but when I read *HopeAtLast.com*, I knew that it wasn't a church I needed. It was Him I needed. From there I made the Lord my number one priority. I started reading the RYM book and taking notes. I read everything that could to keep me close to God. I began succeeding in many things in my life, moving forward, one day at a time. I remember that my husband spent four days in our country house and when he came back he had already made the decision to divorce me. I told him that I thanked God for going through this nightmare because only then did I realize that nothing could take the place of the Lord in my life.

What principles, from God's Word (or through our resources), Whitley, did the Lord teach you during this trial?

I asked God for wisdom and patience, but the basic principle was to overcome evil with good and winning my husband without a word. Keeping silent. My husband made it a point to try to humiliate me every chance he got, he told me horrible things, played jokes on me, posted things on social media, but each time He said to say nothing, do nothing. God helped me get through it. Silence is the most powerful weapon we have and what will win most battles. To all of you who are hoping for restoration, wait solely and exclusively on the Lord. Put all your hope in Him.

Dear Brides, I do encourage you to read *Finding the Abundant Life* especially “Your Best Protection.” All of us ladies are longing for protection, we have this written in our DNAs, so why not take some time to really think about an innate basic need for every woman? We know what our Savior did for us, and what He is able to do if we Trust Him, otherwise, we may live our lives as unfortunate and needy women while we have it all taken care already by our HH. With all my heart, I encourage you to read about your best protection ever - your BRIDEGROOM.

As I’ve said, I highly recommend the course, this *Finding the Abundant Life* book!!! My faith has been improved so much more than anything I’ve read, and my whole life has been improved by the principles that are taught.

He does have a great life for us all, for all His BRIDES. Sometimes HE IS going to deliver us from the evil, but other times we are going to face the evil, so we need to learn to be loving towards the ones that are trying to harm to us. As soon as we learn to listen to HIM, and to quiet down in HIS arms enjoying HIS companionship, it will be the speed to find peace for our souls and genuine joy.

Speaking simplistically, summarizing everything—all we need is the assurance that He is with us, HE LOVES us and takes good care of us. That's what HE DOES, that's HIS nature, HE IS OUR HUSBAND.

As soon as we discovered that we are just fine in the exact situation that we are in, the position we are because HE is the One who will continue orchestrating all things for our good, because we love Him and because HE DOES have a plan for our lives.

Through this book, we are guided to forgive others, expect less from people that surround us, to forgive ourselves, to be glad about our waiting time, to be grateful about every detail of our journey. Michele helps us understand this great TRUTH with this book. She helps all of us Brides, to find our abundant life that is HIDDEN IN OUR BRIDEGROOM.

In the end, time doesn't matter anymore, once we are delighting ourselves with our BELOVED. The scenario doesn't matter, HE IS GOING to be there with us, and we can trust HIM, HE always takes great care of HIS BRIDES. Please learn how to enjoy the BEST, HIS COMPANIONSHIP IS THE BEST!!!

An abundant life? I already have it, He gave it to me long before my restoration, and I do belong to HIM, HE is my abundant life!!!

Whitley, what was the “turning point” of your restoration?

The turning point was from the beginning when I made it clear that I would no longer leave my first Love. I told myself, told God, told my HH that He was first, but I'd always spoken about my EH constantly. My feelings for him were evident and where he was in my life, number one and an idol. Once I TRULY was faithful to my HH, the most amazing things happened. First, no more pain. No matter what I heard or didn't hear regarding my EH, it didn't affect me one bit. What a MIRACLE yet it's everything RMI tells us, Erin says, and each RMT I read says. But I just didn't get it and I only fooled myself that I'd let go and my HH was first until then.

The next thing is that my EH feelings for me CHANGED. This happened before, but each time before, I'd quickly make him and my marriage my idol again, only to have my EH turn away and reject me again. But once I didn't care, once my HH was truly MY FIRST LOVE, I just didn't care when my EH was nice to me. This caused him to begin pursuing me! Another miracle but again what this ministry has told me from DAY ONE.

Tell us HOW it happened Whitley? Did your husband just walk in the front door? Whitley, did you suspect or could you tell you were close to being restored?

How it happened started when I got pregnant two months into my RJ. Though he'd filed for divorce, it was clear he had feelings for me. So, since we were still married, and based on what I learned from RMI, I was submissive to his advances. Yet, rather than be my miracle, my pregnancy was awful. My EH became horribly distant, but I did not ask for anything: no support, no affection. To my EH it was as if I was not pregnant.

Once my son was born and he started to talk more to me, we began to have a good relationship, but there was still a great chasm between us. It was clear he wasn't fully in, so I asked if He would show me restoration was taking place. My EH was still not wear the wedding ring and it bothered my family a lot. One day after hearing from my family how shameful this was, I was telling God that the sign that my marriage was being restored was when he put the ring back on. That would be the sign this was His will.

Then one day as I was leaving the bathroom and he came in from the other room saying he had thought I deserved better and I saw he had his ring back on. In all, my journey lasted a year, but the TRUTHS and my TRANSFORMATION will last for a LIFETIME.

Would you recommend any of our resource in particular that helped you Whitley?

First I would recommend the book *How God Can and Will Restore Your Marriage* and reading the *Encourager* and of course, the online courses offered by RMI. It is very important to always remain close to everything that leads you to the Lord and this ministry does that. Discovering your *HH* and the *Finding the Abundant Life Course* is when your life will really change.

Also, if you sense you're not being blessed and there's something stopping it, I'd look at tithing to your storehouse. This is when my miracles stopped being stolen the moment they happened. Read how to *surrender and trust* Him and where you're spiritually fed.

Would you be interested in helping encourage other women Whitley?

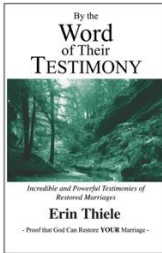
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Either way Whitley, what kind of encouragement would you like to leave women with, in conclusion?

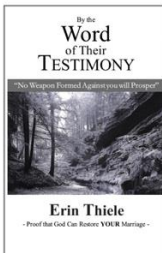
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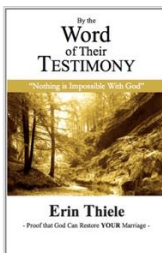
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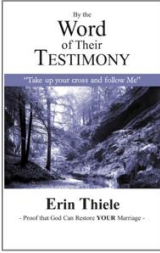
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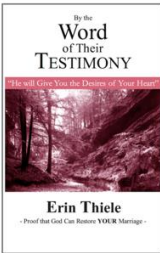
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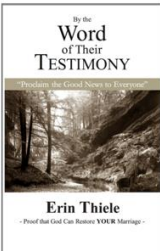
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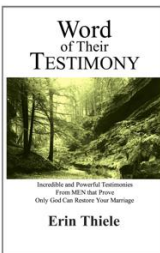
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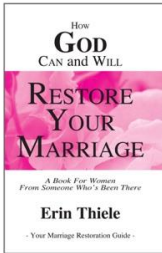
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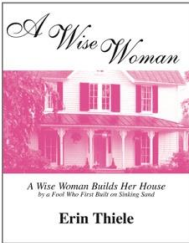
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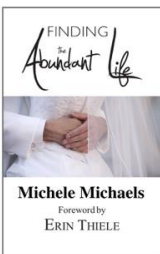
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