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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 to 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 compromise 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, Thank you, Thank you for allowing God to use you, thank you to all the team members of RMI continue to do the work of God. Thank you especially to Erin for her lovely encouragement and support, thanks for making your resources available for free I could not afford it with tears in my eyes you guys will have no idea the way that you have blessed my life. Thank you for your courses, resources, books, encouragements and testimonies. I love you all so much.”*

*~ From Kimberley in Jamaica*

*I want to thank you for giving me hope. For giving me a roadmap to restore my family. For changing my life. I have seen my life transformed since I found this course a month and 9 days ago.*

*The testimonies in the book By the Word of Their Testimony encouraged me to keep going. Each testimony had one thing I could relate to. I learned so much from them. One had my almost same exact story. They were amazing!*

*~ From Aracely in California*

*From the testimonies that I have read [By The Word of Their Testimony], I have realized the great depth that women have come to have and that it has helped them to transform their personal lives with God and with their relationships with their partners, it has surprised me how many marriages have been restored and how the Lord has blessed them.*

*~ From Mavis in Panama*

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—even YOURS!

# Chapter 1

## Kristen

“You need not fight in this battle;  
station yourselves, stand and see the salvation  
of the Lord on your behalf . . .”  
—2 Chronicles 20:17

### “Shouting Profanity Loud Enough for Our Neighbors to Hear!”

#### **Kristen, how did your restoration actually begin?**

It all started years ago, but everything intensified a little over three years ago. Several things happened in our lives, many blessings, but with these blessings came many problems. The problems that my husband had with his family came to the forefront and he became overwhelmed.

I didn’t know how a Christian wife should behave and I was pressuring him to be someone he was not. So with all the problems that came up with his family, everything became very difficult between us, and the more pressure I put on him. With the birth of our son, things only got worse. We had different opinions about how to raise him, and that’s when my husband asked me to leave the house for the first time. It didn’t happen right after the birth, but the day after my son turned two. And because I was very proud, when he asked me to leave—I left in a huff— with my son on my hip I slammed the door shouting profanity loud enough for our neighbors to hear!

#### **How did God change your situation, Kristen, as you sought Him wholeheartedly?**

The Lord has been working on me for some time. Today I see that this has been happening even before I got married. As the problems in my marriage

intensified, the Lord made this work that He had already started more perfect. Not that He has finished with me yet, because I know my Restoration Journey with Him will never end until I meet Him face-to-face. But due to His love and patience He has improved what He had started in me. He has helped me to be more patient, more understanding and to remain quiet in situations where I would always have had an opinion. Based on what I already shared, having a gentle and quiet spirit is not what I had when I was asked to leave our home.

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

The principles of a gentle and quiet spirit, the power and freedom from being submissive to all authority and talking only to God about everything that happens in my life. Never discussing anything with anyone but Him. These principles are not easy to follow, and I confess that I still stumble occasionally. But due only to His enormous grace and love, the Lord has helped me get back on track and trust Him to change me.

Another hugely important principle to be followed for restoration is to tithe to your storehouse. Since I've been following this one principle faithfully, I can see that's when my journey changed course and what had previously been stolen from me I began receiving showers of blessings!

**What were the most difficult times that God helped you through, Kristen?**

A very difficult moment was when my Earthly Husband got sick and came to stay with us at the house where I was renting. Everything turned out so great. It also seemed to go perfectly, he was with us, with me and our son. So after a few weeks recovering, he said we should come back home, back to our house. And then, suddenly everything changed. He changed, he suddenly decided he wanted to go home before he was fully recovered and when I left, he told me that we could not come back home. Then the Lord reminded me of this verse in Proverbs 21:1 "The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes." GOD turned my Earthly Husband towards me, then GOD turned it away. So I was able to dance and praise Him. My son and I put on dance music rejoicing because we knew God would win this battle for us and it had to be getting close just as it says in 2 Chronicles 20:17 "You need not fight in this

battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf...Do not fear or be dismayed...the Lord is with you.”

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

The turning point is when I got a job near my home. This was quite unexpected, as my Earthly Husband asked me to get a job. I didn’t want to, because besides having a boy of only three years old, I saw through the biblical principles that are in the book *How God Can and Will Restore Your Marriage* and in the book *A Wise Woman*, where it says that the woman should stay at home, helping her husband in the home, taking care of the home and children. Yet, He also says in His Word we are to submit to our husbands. So I spoke to my Heavenly Husband He told me to trust Him. If He didn’t want me to get a job I wouldn’t find one. If I did, it was His plan and His alone—not my Earthly Husband or mine trying to restore my marriage.

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

When the Lord thought it was time, that I was ready for restoration, not only did I get a job in something I never imagined doing, because it needed training I didn’t have. But what made it so beautiful is that I work very close to my house and can often work from home with a teenage babysitter who plays with my son while I work. Being home means I can take care of the house and utilize so much of what Erin teaches in *workers@home*.

Most interestingly, the Lord used it for good “Everything works together for good for those who love God and are called according to His Purpose” Romans 8:28. So, because of the times my job required me to be at work each morning, I talked to my Earthly Husband and explained that for me to accept, I’d need to stay at our house. I’d used this as the fleece, just lay it out before the Lord. I thought for sure he would not agree and I’d be able to refuse the job offer. But instead he insisted that I accept and move back home—the Lord did the rest!!! So I’ve been home for almost two months.

As so many restoration testimonies say, I too confess that it has not been easy, because as it was said in one of the courses, I still have a newborn on my hands (my Earthly Husband). But the Lord is dealing with me first and

His work will be completed. What's important is that we are home, as a family!

**Would you recommend any of our resources in particular that helped you, Kristen?**

Yes, I would recommend the books *How God Can Restore Your Marriage*, *A Wise Woman*, the courses (I'm still doing these despite my busy schedule). I decided to go back to the lessons, because each one has changed my way of thinking and how I feel about everything in my life. I also highly recommend the book *Finding Life Abundant*, which has given me a wonderful experience in finding my Heavenly Husband and without Him I would never be able to do what I'm doing now!

**Would you be interested in helping encourage other women, Kristen?**

Yes, I am ready to help as many women need hope.

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

Don't give up on your miracle. But mostly fall in love with the Word of God and the Lord as your Heavenly Husband. He is for life, and the more of Him, the more blessings He will add to you!

What you have read is just a *small sample* of the **POWER** and **FAITHFULNESS** of God that are told through countless restored marriages! We continue to post new restored marriage, and restored relationship testimonies (children, siblings, parents, etc.) on our site each week.

**Don't let ANYONE try to convince you that God cannot restore YOUR marriage! It is a lie. The TRUTH is that He is MORE THAN ABLE!!**

**Is Your Marriage... Crumbling? Hopeless? Or Ended in Divorce?**

## **At Last There's Hope!**

Have you been searching for marriage help online? It's not by chance, nor is it by coincidence, that you have this book in your hands. God is leading you to Restore Ministries that began by helping marriages that *appear* hopeless—like yours!

God has heard your cry for help in your marriage struggles and defeats. He predestined this **Divine Appointment** to give you the hope that you so desperately need right now!

We know and understand what you are going through since many of us in our restoration fellowship have a restored marriage and family! No matter what others have told you, your marriage is not hopeless! We know, after filling almost two books of restored marriage testimonies, that God is able to restore any marriage—especially yours!

***“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?” (Jeremiah 32:27).***

If you have been told that your marriage is hopeless or that without your husband's help your marriage cannot be restored! Each week we post a new Restored Relationship from one of our Restoration Fellowship Members that we post on our site.

***“Ah Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You”! (Jeremiah 32:17).***

If you have been crying out to God for more help, someone who understands, someone you can talk to, then we invite you to join our RMI Restoration Fellowship. Since beginning this fellowship, we have seen more marriages restored on a regular basis than we ever thought possible!

## **Restoration Fellowship**

Restoration is a “narrow road”—look around, most marriages end in divorce! But if your desire is for a restored marriage, then our Restoration Fellowship is designed especially for you!

Since beginning this fellowship, we have seen marriages restored more consistently than we ever thought possible.

Let us help you stay committed to “working with God” to restore your marriages. Restoration Fellowship can offer you the help, guidance, and support you will need to stay on the path that leads to victory—*your* marriage restored!

Let us assure you that all of our marriages were restored by GOD (through His Word) as we sought Him to lead us, teach us, guide us and transform us through His Holy Spirit. This, too, is all you need for *your* marriage to be restored.

However, God continues to lead people to our ministry and fellowship to gain the faith, support and help that so many say that they needed in their time of crisis.

*“I want to thank each and every partner at this ministry for allowing me to access this wealth of knowledge and understanding of the word of God , while sharing all these testimonies of hope and love. This was a major encouragement to me while I am holding fast to God’s word and His promises.*

*Even though I came across some of these principles before, the way it was dealt with left me with no confusion. I was lost to what I really had to do for the Lord and how He wanted me to do it but with you all I have been able to get a clearer vision of what is needed to increase my relationship with my Lord and Savior.*



*There is so much more I can say but thank you seems not to be enough. I look forward to learning so much more as these courses go along and I plan to do them over as many times as I can .*

*Please do the encouragement and the changes these wives experience is just an out pour of the goodness of God.*

*I was confused as to what I needed to do to grow my relationship with the Lord and while walking in faith for my marriage restoration. I sorted this site out in how I should do that. My husband and I were speaking but not as open and free as we are now after I have applied the principles to my life. I am seeing small changes in our communication. Praise God.*

*But I am focusing on my relationship with my HH (Heavenly Husband). No matter what the world throws at you, know that God is always with you and when you lean on Him He is always there to hold you up. He will find a way to reach you at your time of need all you have to do is hold in to His hand and seek His face.” Farline in Trinidad and Tobago*

*“I would definitely recommend the RYM (Restore Your Marriage) book as a good resource and guide in navigating through your marital crises. This book always brings us back to the Bible and its biblical principles and reminding us that only God has the answers to our issues, not ourselves and not even our partners.*

*The testimonies have been powerful in reminding me that with God, all things are possible. I have been very inspired each time I read about how the Lord became the First Loves of the ladies who submitted their testimonies and how God swiftly restored their marriages and turned their earthly husbands’ hearts back to them. These testimonies shows me that God wants and can restore our marriages if we focus our lives on Him alone. Thank you so much for sharing these wonderful testimonies and to God be the glory!*

*Before I found RMI, I kept ruminating about why the marriage had broken down and I was desperate to problem solve and trying to salvage the marriage. However, after reading the RYM [Restore Your Marriage] book, going through C1: Renew and through journaling, I got better insights into my role in the breakdown and how an abandonment is needed for the Lord to work on my life and draw me back into His loving arms.*

*I also realized that my earthly husband was my idol that I placed as priority that has led to the abandonment that is needed.*

*The resources shared have drawn me into closer intimacy with our Heavenly Husband and helps me find greater purposes for my life. Thank you so much for the resources that is much needed for those in similar situations.”* Lee in Singapore

Join our Restoration Fellowship TODAY and allow us to help YOU **restore** YOUR marriage.

**HopeAtLast.com**

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