

# **Critical Care for Your Marriage**

**The First Response for a  
Marriage in Crisis**



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## *We've Been There* – A Note from Clint and Penny



Take heart! We've been in your shoes. Many years ago, our marriage was in crisis and reconciliation seemed hopeless. But, in a manner that can only be described as miraculous, God reconciled our marriage. Several years later, He called us to walk alongside other couples whose marriages were in crisis. We share that with you only to convey that we are fully aware of the challenges you are facing at the present time, and these materials were designed from that very perspective.

No matter how bleak things may appear right now, God has the ability and desire to completely reconcile, restore, and renew your marriage. If you allow Him to, He will guide you through this difficult leg of the journey and transform the current challenges in your marriage into opportunities to love Him, and one another, at a much deeper level.

Whatever details a crisis may involve, our primary message to couples remains the same: Focus on God first. Then, allow Him to guide you regarding the reconciliation of your marriage. You must only agree to be a willing participant in the process. Our prayer is that the insights and resources included in this booklet, and the accompanying instructional DVD, will help you take the first steps toward healing. May you experience a more intimate relationship with God and a healthy marital relationship that brings Him glory.

*“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”*

2 Corinthians 5:18

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## **When Your Marriage is in Crisis, Where Can You Turn?**

Most marriages will encounter crisis at some point in the ongoing development of the relationship. When crisis hits, where can you turn? This booklet and the accompanying instructional DVD were designed to answer that very question and to get your marriage on the road to reconciliation. There is no limit to the restorative power of God when you are willing to participate in the process. God is the ultimate Healer and He can repair any marriage—no matter how desperate or hopeless the relationship may appear right now.

Co-authored by Clint and Penny Bragg, *Critical Care for Your Marriage* is an excellent resource for pastors, counselors, and marriage ministry leaders to use as a first response to couples in crisis. These resources can also be used in situations where only one spouse is willing to work on the relationship, which is often the case. *Critical Care for Your Marriage* reminds couples that God longs to transform their current crisis into an opportunity for growth, a deeper relationship with Him, and a restored relationship with one another.



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