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Dear Pastor,

Divorce is attacking fifty percent of all marriages, even within the church. You may have had a hurting spouse make an appointment and come to you for marriage counseling. Many years ago, I was that hurting spouse.

Although he was a Christian, my husband Bob was unfaithful and abusive during our marriage. My pastor and I gave up on Bob, and I divorced him. I would soon find out that God had another plan and purpose for our lives. After my divorce, I found myself sitting in our church listening to gospel singers, Paul and Ann Downing. Ann was sharing their restoration testimony following years of unfaithfulness and alcohol abuse. That day the Lord spoke to me and said, "You gave up on Bob, but I haven't. I want you to pray for Bob and never give up on him."

Prodigals do come home. More than two years after our divorce, my husband and I stood in that same Pastor's study and were remarried. From that journey, Rejoice Marriage Ministries was birthed more than twenty years ago. Before Bob's death in 2010, he and I went on to write 19 books to help others understand the mind of a prodigal and the joy of marriage restoration. Today, my children and I are still proclaiming that message through Rejoice Marriage Ministries to thousands of men and women each day.

I pray that you will find time to listen to our testimony. Bob and I share our vision for marriage restoration. You can encourage and give hope to the men and women in your church who have a hurting marriage. Divorce is not the answer. The consequences of divorce on all family members, especially children, are devastating. Hurting spouses need to find an altar, not an attorney, and pray that they will enter into a personal relationship with the Lord, allowing Him to first touch and transform their hearts and then to do a work in their marriage. The process is not instant, but neither were their problems. True answers are not found in a courthouse, but in the Bible.

Our ministry prays each week for you and all the men of God around the world who are proclaiming the Gospel and as you preach God's anointed message to your congregation. We pray that many hearts and lives will be touched and transformed in your services.

We would love to help you stomp out divorce in your church. If any of the material in our bookstore would help you minister to your families in any way, we would love to send it to you. Please contact us. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry for His glory.

God Bless,

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Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4