

Divorce

Starting
the
Healing



Style of writing!

I love bullet points!

Don't talk me to death.

Give me your bottom line first and then make your explanation brief.
That is why:

- My table of contents gives the main subjects!
- The Intro. briefly answers each question in the booklet.
- The chapters are brief studies, filling in each point.

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Chap. 1

Divorce is Traumatic

It takes **two** people **centered** on **Jesus** to make a **marriage** work.

It only takes ONE Person to Destroy a marriage.

Divorce is extremely Traumatic. It is the **ugly death** of a **very sweet dream**. It is the **death** of a **hope**.

The Process of Grief

Divorce is often worse than a death. The grief from a divorce can last longer than the death of a loved one.

It is important to permit a season of grief and to allow the Lord to comfort you.

Mt. 5:4 Blessed are those who **mourn**,
for they will be **comforted**

Ps. 34:18 The LORD is **Close** to the **Brokenhearted**
and **Saves** those who are **Crushed** in **Spirit**

Ps. 147:3 - He **heals** the **brokenhearted** and **binds** up their **wounds**.



Are you Ready to Learn from this Pain?

Each person is different. Some people are ready to LEARN from their divorce **almost immediately**.

Others need **time** to **heal** before they face the hard questions.

It is extremely important to **NOT** try to **PUSH** someone to process before they are ready. **Asking** if they are ready gives **respect** and honor.

At the same time though, if you do **NOT** eventually choose to Move Forward, then you will tend to **STRAY Backward**. Pain can be buried in denial or fester into bitterness.

Even **Worse**, if you do not choose to Learn from this Pain then you may **REPEAT** the **same mistakes**.

Please do **not Waste** your **pain**.

Pain gives you the **Strength** to face hard questions and tough issues.



The Correct First Question

The Wrong Question

The **Wrong** Question is to ask:

“Why did My Marriage Fail?”

This **Wrong** question can lead to lots of **shame, regret, blame** and **hopelessness**.

There is always **plenty** of **blame** to go around.

Even if you were **completely innocent** in the **destruction** of your marriage, you may beat yourself up for **not choosing more carefully** the person whom you married.

It is so much more **Biblical** and **Wiser** to ask the **Correct** Question.

What makes a Successful Marriage?

Now is the perfect time to carefully evaluate the whole picture of what makes a successful marriage. Let's **start** with the **obvious!**

Marriage is a Test of Selfishness

Selfishness is the root problem and the cause of every divorce.

Over almost 5 decades of marriage counseling, the root of selfishness is obvious in every marriage tension.

Choosing to value our mate as more important than ourselves is the key to a great marriage. You can see it in every great marriage.

*Phil. 2:3 Do **Nothing** out of **Selfish Ambition** or vain conceit. Rather, in **Humility** value **Others Above** yourselves*

This can **NOT** be **overstated**.

We have numerous resources and information on how to build a successful marriage when you are ready to go deeper on this subject.

The Correct Second Question

“How can I Restore My Soul?”

*Ps. 23:2 He **Restores** my **Soul***

King David used a special word when he talked about how God wants to Restore our Souls. The word “**Restore**” means to

“Return to its **Original Purpose**”

There will never be a better time for you to draw close to Jesus.

May I offer you **Four** very helpful **options**.

Option # 1

**5 Short Booklets on
Researching Jesus & Christianity
Skim in 5-10 minutes each.**

I personally was **not** raised in a **religious** home. As a teen I spent 5 years deeply investigating **every world religion**. Because I desperately wanted clear, logical, provable answers to hard questions, I want to offer that same blessing to others who are seeking. That is why I wrote booklets that can be **SKIMMED** in **5-10 minutes**.

1. **Christianity** - The **ONLY** Logical Religion
2. **Hell** - Why Would a Loving God Create an Eternal Hell?
3. **The Blood of Jesus** - The Most Powerful Words Ever Spoken.
4. **The Cross** - The Story of the Last 24 hours
5. **Test Yourself** - Do your Life Goals bring you LIFE?

Even if you were raised in church and are passionately committed to Jesus, you will find yourself greatly encouraged by these booklets.

If you are not as familiar with Christianity, you will find yourself fascinated by these booklets.

Why not use the pain of your divorce to search out the deepest questions of why you were created and what your eternal purpose is.

Option # 2

**One Short Booklet on
Bible Reading –
The Secrets to Sweetness in God’s Word
Skim in 5minutes.**

What a perfect time to find peace and strength through God’s Word. If you do not have a Bible, we would be thrilled to give you one for free.

Option # 3

**Serving in a
Healthy Bible Believing Church**

None of us are **meant** to just **Attend** Church.

Church is meant to be a place where we **all serve each other** and those **outside** our church. There are few things more healing than serving others.

The person giving you this booklet would be thrilled to help you find a sense of family in our church or another great church. There are so many wonderful, healthy, Bible believing churches.

This is the perfect time to find a new family in a great church.

Option # 4

**Go through an
Inner Healing Course**

Our church has an amazing course called “Freedom Class.”

In this class we learn how to receive and give forgiveness, break generational curses off our lives, understand our habits and why we react in certain situations and how to find Freedom in Jesus

Again, there are so many wonderful, healthy, Bible believing churches that we would love to find another church that has a great Inner Healing Course if you prefer to go to another church.

Conclusion – This is Just a Start

This is a very brief introduction to a very complex and personal journey. We have many other resources but most of all we recognize that you need love, support, and encouragement.

We also have 100+ booklet studies coming out.

Here is a sample list of 10 of our booklets.

1. Bible Reading:

The Secrets to Sweetness in God's Word!

This study shows how a One Year Bible enables you to cover the entire Bible in one year. In addition, it shows how hunger-based reading is so different from performance-based reading.

2. The Blood of Jesus:

The Most Powerful Words Ever Spoken

This study teaches us to daily live with a clean heart and to keep short accounts when we stumble.

3. Bosses - What They Wish You Knew

This study gives us a bigger picture of the pressures and responsibilities that are carried by every boss.

4. Christianity – the ONLY Logical Religion

This study compares Christianity to all other religions and shows why only Christianity answers the hard questions.

5. Conflicts – How to Remove All Strife from My Life!

The Bible teaches that truth is a belt, and our perspective is a belt loop.

6. The Cross – The Story of the Last 24 Hours

This study combines all four gospels to examine the last 24 hours and what happened on the cross.

7. Grace – the Power to WANT to do Right!

This study teaches us to release God's Grace constantly so that God can change our hearts and give us HIS desires.

8. Marriage – 3 Bottom Lines!

Six times the Bible says that the purpose of Marriage is for the two to become one.

9. Science & the Bible – How They Agree

Many modern scientific breakthroughs were predicted and practiced in the Bible thousands of years ago.

10. Test Yourself:

Do your Life Goals bring you LIFE?

Finish the sentence “*I Want ...*” and see what you get.

Our goal is to provide

Short Starter Studies on Sensitive Subjects
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 to some of life's **Hardest Questions**

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