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Micki Ann Harris, spiritual formation director of
Chattanooga House of Prayer

“Clint and Penny Bragg are the real deal. They know what it is like to survive in the desert, but more importantly, they also know how to find the garden. *Marriage Off Course* is filled with wisdom. Not gimmicks, but real solutions. In fact, there are more tangible resources included than one person could possibly use. That means there’s something for everyone! This book is valuable for pastors and counselors, friends and family. Give it to anyone experiencing the pain of marriage difficulties and failure. If you are going through heartbreak yourself, read it—hope will be ignited in you. The worst thing that can happen is that you will grow with God and find your true self!”

Signa Bodishbaugh, author and leader of The Journey to
Wholeness in Christ conference

“I wish I already had copies of this book to give to every couple I encounter that’s in trouble! *Marriage Off Course* doesn’t only tell you what to do when a marriage seems to crumble, it also shows how to do it and why. Clint and Penny Bragg’s humility, honesty, and encouragement go straight to the heart of a struggling marriage, then give a bottom line for every marriage: ‘Stop and ask the Holy Spirit to make you completely honest before God.’ Because the Braggs continually point the reader to God and His work within the individual, I truly believe this book can save marriages or lead to healing for those whose mate refuses to reconcile. This is an anointed work.”

Shellie Arnold, founder of Your Marriage Resources and
author of the Barn Church novels

“Clint and Penny know what they are talking about. Individuals who face the crushing reality of a broken marriage need hope. *Marriage Off Course* is a road map born out of real-world experience and biblical

truth. I look forward to using this resource in my counseling practice, and I wish I'd had it earlier."

Russell Holloway, executive director of Open Doors
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"Clint and Penny Bragg recognize the pain and loss that happen when a marriage falls apart. They get it because they went through it. But even more importantly, they recognize the reality of hope in situations that feel hopeless—the true reality of not just surviving but healing this deep wound. They clearly communicate biblical truths but also offer many practical tools for navigating these choppy waters. God is sufficient. You can heal. Miracles do happen. Eleven years after they divorced, Clint and Penny remarried. But perhaps the greatest miracle of all is the joy and hope you can have no matter what does or doesn't happen with your marriage."

Gary and Mona Shriver, authors of *Unfaithful: Hope and Healing After Infidelity* and cofounders of Hope & Healing Ministries

"*Marriage Off Course* is the book we wish we'd had during our own separation. This is not a book to read once and then put on a shelf. When you are down and need hope, read the testimonies of people who have been where you are. When you don't know how to pray, pray aloud the prayers that Clint and Penny have shared. When you are perplexed about what Scriptures apply to your situation, they have provided a well of passages to drink from. If you allow the principles in it to sink deeply into your soul, you will be guided into a deeper relationship with Jesus during an excruciating time in your life."

Richard and Sharon Wildman, founders of Stubborn
Pursuits Ministries

"This book gives hope to the hopeless and encouragement to those who are walking the path of separation and divorce. God always has a way that leads to redemption, and that redemption always leads to Him, first in our life and then in the life of our spouse. With practical steps toward healing in each chapter, *Marriage Off Course* can be used as

an individual study or in a small group setting for those in despair or those wanting to improve their marriage.”

Rex and Carolyn Johnson, codirectors of Covenant Keepers, Inc.

“*Marriage Off Course* is a lifeline of hope and guidance for couples facing crisis in their marriage. Clint and Penny Bragg speak from experience as they share their story with no-holds-barred vulnerability. In a time where everything seems disposable, the Braggs hold fiercely to the premise that ‘every shattered marriage is repairable, no matter who or what has crushed it to the core.’ They remind readers that pursuing God, rather than their spouse, can establish the path for genuine reconciliation and the joy God meant marriage to be. In my work as a relationship coach, *Marriage Off Course* will be my first recommendation for those needing restored faith and a deep, deep well of encouragement, tools, insight, and hope.”

Deb DeArmond, coauthor of *Don't Go to Bed Angry: Stay Up and Fight!*

“*Marriage Off Course* is for everyone who winds up in an unwanted separation or divorce. It provides insight into what God can do in the midst of their despair and offers practical resources for their healing journey. Clint and Penny share from their own story, along with others who have walked the path of brokenness, to offer insight, hope, and help. We highly recommend this book and will be sharing this much-needed book in our marriage ministry.”

Don and Becky Smith, cofounders of Bridge to Life Ministries

“For those who are languishing in the desert of separation or divorce and need an infusion of faith for the journey, *Marriage Off Course* uses the poetry of a desert analogy to offer biblical guidance and practical tools to find a path to healing. The Braggs also provide an insightful perspective into the mind of a prodigal spouse and the husband she left behind. Their own experience of an eleven-year divorce that resulted in reconciliation, plus many stories from others, will encourage readers that they can find beauty in the desert and purpose on the journey.”

Linda W. Rooks, author of *Broken Heart on Hold*

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A Word from the Authors

This is the book you never wanted to need. The breakdown of a marriage is a pain like no other. We know. We've been there, and it is from that very place that we've written *Marriage Off Course*.

In addition to our firsthand experience of separation's excruciating distress, we've come alongside hundreds of hurting spouses over the last twelve years. Like you, they are devastated. Questions loom large: "How can I save my marriage?" "My spouse left. What should I do?" "We've been separated for years. Is reconciliation even possible?" "My heart hurts so much. Will I make it through this alive?" This book was written to address those very questions and more.

Before you begin reading, it is important to understand that reconciliation is a process, not a program. It is not so much about following a recipe as it is about following God and trusting that He will be with you throughout this difficult ordeal.

Miracles in marriages happen every day. We've seen many marriages saved because one spouse was willing to seek God instead of chasing after their husband or wife. To encourage you, some of those stories are included in this book. We will help you learn from the mistakes, struggles, and successes of others. You'll hear both sides of the crisis: the spouse who wanted out of the marriage and the one who wanted to save it. In addition, we'll share bits and pieces of our marriage story from both of our perspectives. Let all these voices remind you that with God in control of your life, this is not the end of your story.

Although the details of marriage crises differ from couple to couple, hurting spouses commonly liken their experience to a metaphor used throughout this book. The spouse who wants to save the marriage feels as though he or she has been unexpectedly thrust into the middle of a desert with little or no chance of survival. Although you're facing some of the most critical moments in your life right now, you are not alone. If you let it, *Marriage Off Course* will not only companion you through this wasteland but also help you thrive, draw closer to God, and experience a sense of renewal.

Perhaps you feel that you are the only person in the world who could ever hurt this badly, but other people have also experienced the tremendous pain and sorrow of a shattered marriage. What follows are some recent communications from those who, like you, are struggling to deal with their spouse's choices:

“My husband and I have been separated for five months. We have four children. Every day has been a world of pain and hurt.”

“My heart is broken. I have cried, tried to sleep, asked God to intervene, and cried some more. My wife swears there is no one else. I'm at my end. The tears won't stop. I'm lost, depressed, and devastated.”

“I've prayed and cried and prayed and cried. I don't want our love story to end this way.”

“I'm so hurt over my husband and his choices, and I just want to feel better. I don't know how much more pain one can feel without dying.”

We have included these gut-wrenching statements here so you understand right up front that we've written this book to address these very difficult concerns and more. To get the most out of the reading, we suggest using a journal to record your experiences and

respond to the stories, tools, and insights in each chapter. Using a journal will also allow you to process your experiences and make meaning out of the madness. At the end of each chapter you'll find some suggestions for journaling and application in the section entitled "Rest Stop for Reflection," as well as a prayer that focuses on the concepts covered. In addition, a QR code will link you to an audio prayer from us. Scan this code with your smartphone or tablet and receive these prayers as if we were sitting right beside you in the scorching desert sand.

Whatever details you are up against in this bewildering time, our primary message to you is the same. You are not alone. There is help. There is hope!

Do the Desert Well

Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

—ISAIAH 43:19 (NASB)

Nancy's Story

God had always been a central part of my life. The home I grew up in as a pastor's daughter served as a safe haven for visiting evangelists and missionaries. Back then I never dreamed that one day I myself would be out on the mission field and there meet my future husband.

Not long after Glen and I married, we began having children. When he obtained his first job as a pastor, I felt as though we would serve God side by side for the rest of our lives. Six months into that first pastorate, I decided to take our kids to my parents' house for a visit. When I returned home, something had dramatically changed.

I remember walking toward our bedroom and somehow sensing the Holy Spirit say, "This room has been defiled." I tried to shake off what I felt, but the feeling lingered for days. Prior to this, I'd heard a story about a person who led a double life, and I wondered aloud to Glen how such a horrible thing could happen in a marriage. Soon I would realize that Glen himself had started down that road.

One afternoon following church, Glen left early to come home

because he said he wasn't feeling well. The children and I stayed behind. When we got home, I expected to find Glen resting. Instead, he had packed his bags and left a letter on the kitchen table. He was gone.

Everything that happened after that was a blur. Although Glen came and went from the house several times over the next few years, he eventually gave way to his other life and moved out of state.

I didn't want a divorce, but it seemed the godliest thing to do under the circumstances—to give Glen what he wanted. When anger would arise over what he had done to our family, somehow God would always remind me, *Glen is not your enemy. I am the judge, not you.* Sometimes I just gave in to self-pity, anger, depression, and crying. On those mornings, I'd wake up with that hangover headache you get when you've been drained of every tear. How long would I have to wait for God to respond to my cries?



Each day we hear from desperate spouses just like Nancy who are living the nightmare of a marriage gone awry. Some are in the first few hours of separation. Some have been separated for months or even years. Others have watched in helpless agony as their marriages have ended in divorce. Many years ago that was the case for us, too.

Our marriage was brief but not short on trial or trouble. I (Clint) felt like our relationship was rolling out of control, and *nothing* I did seemed to stop the swift momentum of destruction. Penny was distancing herself from me, and I feared that there was someone else. I went to our church for help, but because Penny and I were in leadership, the deacons floundered for a plan of action. After several months of ongoing turmoil, our pastor called Penny and me into his office at my request. Penny was extremely angry that I had

involved him, and she sat in the chair with her arms crossed and her jaw tightly clenched. The tension in that room was thick and foreboding.

Our pastor opened his Bible to Ephesians 5 and read the verses about wives submitting to their husbands. Penny's face immediately flushed while she fidgeted in her seat and stared coldly off into the distance. When she finally responded to what he said, it was with much anger. "Both of you are ganging up on me! Neither of you understands a single thing I'm feeling!" She stormed out the door of his office and into the cab of our truck. If she could have walked home, she would have. Things only got worse from there.

I was hopeful when Penny agreed to see a counselor, but my hopes quickly plummeted at our first session. Each time the counselor asked Penny a question, she would tense up and nervously spin the golden wedding band I'd placed on her finger. In my heart I knew she was ready to take off that ring and run.

Eventually I suggested that we both cool off and take a weekend apart to think about our future. When I came home, Penny had moved out. In shock, I stumbled from room to room, trying to figure out what she had taken with her and where she might have gone. When I realized she'd packed only one suitcase, I hoped she might return right away. Wrong.

I tried everything the Bible said I should to repair our shattered relationship. I went to her alone, and then I went to her with others (Matt. 18:15–17). I apologized and tried to reconcile with her (Matt. 5:23–24). Most of all, I prayed relentlessly (Matt. 7:7–8). Nothing worked. All the while, Penny was on the fast track to ending our marriage. And end it did.

Our crisis took several months to reach its climax. Once she walked out, I felt alone, as though I'd been hurled headfirst into an uninhabitable desert with no visible way out and no one around me to help.

I don't even know how I got up each morning and went to work, especially during those first few weeks after everything blew apart. It felt like the whole world was moving on while I was frozen in time. My world stopped the day that I came home and Penny was gone. Still, I couldn't afford to lose my job. Although I managed to make it to work each day, most of the time I couldn't even remember driving there. Basically, I just went through the motions so that my boss wouldn't notice that something was wrong. But inside, everything was very, very wrong. Consumed by my bleak circumstances, I convinced myself that no one could understand what I was feeling.



I (Penny) used Clint as a scapegoat to justify why I left. At the time, my heart was so closed to God and Clint that it didn't matter to me that I was engaged in sin. Secretly I hoped that all my callous reactions would scare him off. But way down deep, I felt guilty and ashamed about what I was doing. My coldness and anger toward him was just a cover-up. Still, I had asked Clint to stop pursuing me, and he wasn't listening.

I look back on it all now and realize my behavior was ridiculous in many ways. But I was too proud to fess up to my own wrongdoing or admit I had screwed up. Instead, I made Clint out to be a mean ogre who didn't know a thing about how to really love a woman. He was the bad guy, and I went to great lengths to make sure others knew our problem was him, not me.

As Clint and I share more of our marital blowout and miraculous reconciliation in the chapters that follow, I want you to know that we fully understand what you're experiencing. The unthinkable has happened. You tell yourself that you'll wake up, and the reality of what has transpired in your marriage will be over. Instead,

the pain remains. This isn't just a bad dream. Your marriage is broken. You are shattered. Although the intricacies of your crisis may differ from ours, we've heard thousands of stories that may sound more familiar:

“She told me she was done, but I never thought she'd leave. How could God allow this to happen?”

“My friends and family told me to just forget him and move on with my life.”

“My church friends said I should accept what's happened and sign up for the divorce class.”

“His porn addiction has torn us in two.”

“My wife connected with an old boyfriend online. She said there was no one else, but I didn't believe her.”

Can you relate to any of those statements? In the chapters that follow, we will surround you with a community of brave men and women who can fully relate to what you're experiencing. You aren't alone in what feels like a forsaken wasteland. Hear these collective voices of compassion calling out to you, and picture their hands reaching back to take yours.

Every shattered marriage is repairable, no matter who or what has crushed it to the core. Even when only one spouse wants to save a marriage, God can mend it. We've seen it happen many times. Or sometimes a marriage is reconciled *after* divorce, like ours and others' you'll read about in this book. In other words, divorce is not the final death sentence for a marriage.

But we'll be straight with you: while every marriage can be saved, not every marriage is. That is as hard for us to write as it is for you to read. Regardless, your part in your marriage right now is to follow God and obey His lead. He will begin working with the one heart you can give Him: yours.

Entering the Desert

The word *desert* has its origins in the Latin word *desertus*, which means “abandoned or lying in waste.” A desert is often described as an uncultivated wasteland or a lifeless expanse where water is scarce. The Hebrew word for *desert* (translated as *wilderness* in some versions of the Bible) refers to several geographic regions mentioned in the Old and New Testaments, each having unique features and elements. And here you are in this destitute place, not necessarily by any choice or desire of your own.

Scorched by the events that have brought you here and by the fear of a future without your spouse, you find yourself barren of hope and overloaded with stress. You need a guide to navigate this problematic terrain. Your guide through the desert is God. If you let Him, He will take your hand and walk alongside you. In addition, He will use the following core grains of truth to lead you through what feels like trackless territory filled with questions, pain, fear, and doubt. Grabbing hold of God’s hand and taking in these three truths at the start of your journey will keep you spiritually and emotionally resilient. You can do the desert well instead of finding yourself being undone by it.

Grain of Truth #1: What is happening in your life right now is about much more than just your marriage. Often as the drama and emotion of a marital crisis unfolds, your perspective gets skewed or minimized. Your intense emotions create a shortsighted view of your circumstances. It’s as if you’re sitting in the front row of a movie theater: the drama playing out before your eyes looms so large that you cannot see the entire picture. Instead of viewing your particular place in the landscape of the entire desert, you pick up each tiny grain of sand (or problem) and stare at it with dismay. That’s normal. And it is painful!

If you allow God to open your eyes early on and broaden your perspective, He’ll show you more of His grander plan and purpose. The

Bible says it this way: “‘My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,’ says the LORD. ‘And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts’” (Isa. 55:8–9 NLT).

As your guide, God opens your eyes to see what He sees as you journey together and rely on Him to resolve every problem. When you mentally and emotionally take a step back and align your vantage point with God’s, you will realize there are other stories and lives at stake along with your own. Some of what unfolds may be about them, too. You begin to get a glimpse of your life within the context of God’s bigger plan for all humanity. Ask God to catch you up into His greater story, a story whose redemptive outcome He alone knows.

As you turn your heart and your eyes toward God, He will also help you deal effectively with the endless grains of sand spread out before you, one at a time. He will provide for all your physical, emotional, relational, financial, and spiritual needs, which at this point feel overwhelming. Turning toward God and maintaining His wider view of your life will help you stay the course as time progresses and your journey continues. (In chapter 3, we’ll share some tangible ways to do so.)

Grain of Truth #2: Separation is a journey of faith through the desert, not a race to get out as quickly as possible. Painful circumstances ignite a rush to find an immediate solution. But resolution and restoration are processes that requires faith and time. Your faith. God’s time.

Many people who find themselves in an unwanted separation or divorce want God to provide that one special, instant fix, with emphasis on the word *instant*. However, it is essential to realize that God is calling you to a longer journey of faith. “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7 NASB).

Bill—whose story you’ll read in chapter 8—shared the following

when we spoke with him about his separation, divorce, and eventual reconciliation: “One Saturday morning I was running down the streets of my neighborhood. Normally I would cover about ten miles, but this time I sensed God telling me to run farther. That day I ran seventeen miles. All along the way I heard God’s voice, almost as if He was running right beside me: ‘You are running a marathon, not a sprint.’ And God was right!”

Reconciliation is a process that cannot be measured by favorable signs (or a lack thereof) or how swiftly a positive resolution occurs. Regardless of the final outcome and how long it takes to get it, you must decide if you will truly believe God can do the impossible. No matter how hopeful or hopeless the reconciliation of your marriage may seem right now, trust God to see you through every aspect of it.

Grain of Truth #3: Fighting for your marriage is a posture before God, not the pursuit of your spouse. Contending for your marriage is a humble attitude of the heart and a resolve to trust God more deeply right in the midst of the crisis. It’s not about pursuing your spouse or trying to save your marriage single-handedly. It’s not about fighting for your marriage; it’s about fighting a greater spiritual battle. As a soldier in the battle of a broken marriage, you have been entrusted by God with a high calling that very few hear and even fewer obey: “Humble yourself and wait on Me, not on your spouse or your circumstances” (see Ps. 27:13–14).

Consider this: your humble posture before God and your ruthless pursuit of Him will not only impact your life, your spouse, and your marriage, but it will also impact your children, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, and generations to come. The Bible says that “the humble will see their God at work and be glad” (Ps. 69:32 NLT). Even if you don’t have kids, your actions will impact others in your sphere of influence. You may not even understand what it means to pursue God or how doing so will make a difference in your marriage. That’s okay. We are here to help.

Remember Nancy's story from the beginning of the chapter? She made the choice to pursue God instead of her spouse. "It wasn't easy. But while those were painful years, God was so incredibly faithful. Glen may have left us, but God never did. As our children grew from toddlers to teenagers, we prayed daily for their dad. God sustained us through every moment that passed, and one day He answered our prayers for Glen's return in a way I never imagined."

Pursuing God instead of your spouse means to seek after Him first and foremost and to release your mate into God's hands. He is the only One who has total control of everything. As hard as it is to accept, your spouse and your marriage are out of your hands. But there is one thing that is not out of your control, and that is your relationship with God.

There is much at stake. You want your spouse back! You're praying for a miracle. You want God to change your spouse's heart. But what if God has brought you into the desert to—of all things—change you?

Be the First Miracle

While writing this book, Clint and I relocated from the eastern coast of Florida to the desert of western Arizona. Immediately upon moving to this new climate, we noticed changes not only in the landscape but also in our physical bodies. Increasing our intake of water along with multiple daily applications of lotion and lip balm quickly became the norm. Also, in an effort to beat the blazing heat, our days started earlier in the morning. We became avid students of the ways other Arizonans worked hard and lived prosperously in a place that appeared to be so very parched. The bottom line? Not being native to the desert, we had to adapt to our new surroundings. In order to not only sustain life but to flourish here, we had to change.

If we'd moved to Arizona and waited for the climate and landscape to change and accommodate us, we would have died. Instead,

we had to make major lifestyle changes in every way, adapting to foreign territory with a uniquely dry climate and features that were vastly different from what we were accustomed to.

If you wait for your spouse or your circumstances to change to accommodate your desires for reconciliation, you'll never make it through the desert. Or if you decide to do nothing with your life while you're waiting for God to answer your prayers, your faith will shrivel up and die. Instead of flourishing, you'll bite, scratch, and crawl your way through every inch of the blazing-hot sand.

When Penny left I couldn't eat, sleep, or think straight. I felt like I was aimlessly walking in circles through a thick fog. I had no idea that the immense brokenness in our marriage was only one small piece in a mosaic that only God could see or put back together. When she started slipping further away from me, I grasped at everything I possibly could to win her over. Instead of spending my energy drawing close to God, I set off on a fast track to get Penny back. My focus was on her and on saving our marriage. It never dawned on me that what I was really fighting for was my faith.

If your focus is on God and on making the most of your current situation alongside Him, you will not only grow but you'll also experience miracles in this very place. God's Word contains an impressive record of miracles, signs, and wonders—stories of inspiring faith and fortitude—that occurred smack-dab in the middle of a desert. As a matter of fact, the very first biblical account of a desert miracle, including an angelic visitation, occurred in the middle of a marital mess (Gen. 16:7).

Are you ready to experience the first miracle of your desert journey? More aptly put, are you ready to *be* the first miracle? God wants to perform His first miracle in your own heart. Do you believe that a season spent in this barren territory with God can actually become a place of fertile growth, new opportunity, and endless hope? Or do you just want to kick and scream your way out of this miserable

wasteland as fast as possible? This is the hinge by which God will set a course of turning thirsty ground into bubbling springs. It all begins right here, right now, with your faith. With you.

Will you be the miracle?

Whatever has unfolded to bring you into the desert, your answer to that question will change your life from this point forward. And you'll begin to experience the many ways that God will provide generously for you and transform you throughout this emotionally distressing experience—the topic of the next chapter.

Rest Stop for Reflection

1. When you think of the word *desert*, what words and images come to mind? Are those words and images positive or negative? Explain your answer.
2. How is your marriage crisis similar to being thrust into barren territory?
3. Will you be the first miracle? Explain your answer. What steps do you need to take to get started?
4. Read the following quote and explain what you think it means: "The desert is the theater of the human struggle of searching for God and His 'word' in times of trial."¹

Prayer

God, I don't want to be in the desert, but I believe You are with me. Show me what it means to thrive here and do the desert well; to enter this place and allow You to make the most of it during this season. Show me what it means to pursue You. Perform Your first miracle in my heart by granting me the faith to believe You will meet my every need. Help me adapt—physically, emotionally, relationally, financially, and spiritually—to my new environment. You alone know how much I long for a miracle of reconciliation in my marriage, and I pray to that end. But I also fully submit to Your will

over my will, and I place my spouse into Your hands. I want to be the miracle. In Jesus's name. Amen.

Scan the QR code below to receive prayer.

