

Relational: Marriage - Our Constant Work of Art

Through 16 years of marriage, Steve and I discussed divorce several times. I was tired of the "yo-yo" marriage (meaning the things that REALLY needed to be resolved were never addressed, and even avoided). Even though I was married to a really nice guy, I decided I was tired of not being heard and I wanted a divorce. We agreed to separate.



Knowing God hates divorce, I didn't want to dishonor my Lord. I highly respect Pastor Bill's wisdom and authority, and I decided to get his and God's "blessing" on the divorce. Pastor Bill was incredibly compassionate but said I needed to pursue all avenues of reconciliation first. Since it was 13 days before the next Rebuilders Course started, he suggested Steve and I attend. It was hard, but I humbled myself and asked Steve if he wanted to try it. He first said no, but after God worked through songs and messages on marriage on KTIS, he reconsidered.

We didn't even like each other at the time of our first group, but after just one week of committing to and doing the weekly devotions TOGETHER, God revealed things to both of us. He wanted our marriage to be "in Him." The Lord peeled the scales off the eyes of both our hearts. We gained so much as He gently taught us. We were fortunate -- God healed and matured our marriage quickly. We really owe our marriage to Pastor Bill, our leaders Kathy and Al Just and the whole Rebuilders team for allowing God to use them to guide, reveal and heal our marriage through the Word of God. And since it was such an awesome transformation, I suggested two other friends go through with their husbands. They too received an awesome blessing.

Today we are still married AND still working on our marriage. I like to say that for us, marriage is a CONSTANT work of art.

- Kim Prok