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# COUPLES RETREAT

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### Shattered Pieces



A question that maybe asked by couples today in the midst of crisis "How do we pick up the shattered pieces of our marriage and family" and move forward? The shattered pieces of virtual infidelity, affairs, trust, financial infidelity, intimacy and the list could go on and on. Is there hope? As hard as these topics are to imagine or discuss we must. Unfortunately these are as much a reality for couples within our church walls as well as the world. However, eventually we come face to face with the destruction our choices have led to. Not only for us personally, but for our marriage and our family.

We believe the road to restoration is possible because we serve a living God who declares "but with God all things are possible" Matthew 19:26. The question is are you willing to put in the hard work and save your marriage and home?

Rita and I believe and rely on the redemptive work of the cross not only for our individual salvation, but for the marriage vows we spoke to each other 41 years ago in a small church in Yakima, Washington. For certain we've had ups and downs, set backs and growth. And by God's grace we still choose each other both today and tomorrow as we grow older together.

### Finding Healing

"If you desire to pursue healing in your marriage after being unfaithful to your husband or wife here are some steps" to reconciliation.

1. End the affair completely
2. Take 100 percent responsibility for the affair.
3. Attempt to empathize with your spouse.
4. Recommit to your husband or wife.

And, most importantly seek help from your local Pastor or a licensed Christian Marriage counselor in your area that's highly recommended.



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### A Word from the Directors

Remember, you are not alone. We stand with you and are praying for our families. Partner with others in prayer where you are and do the same. God bless you.