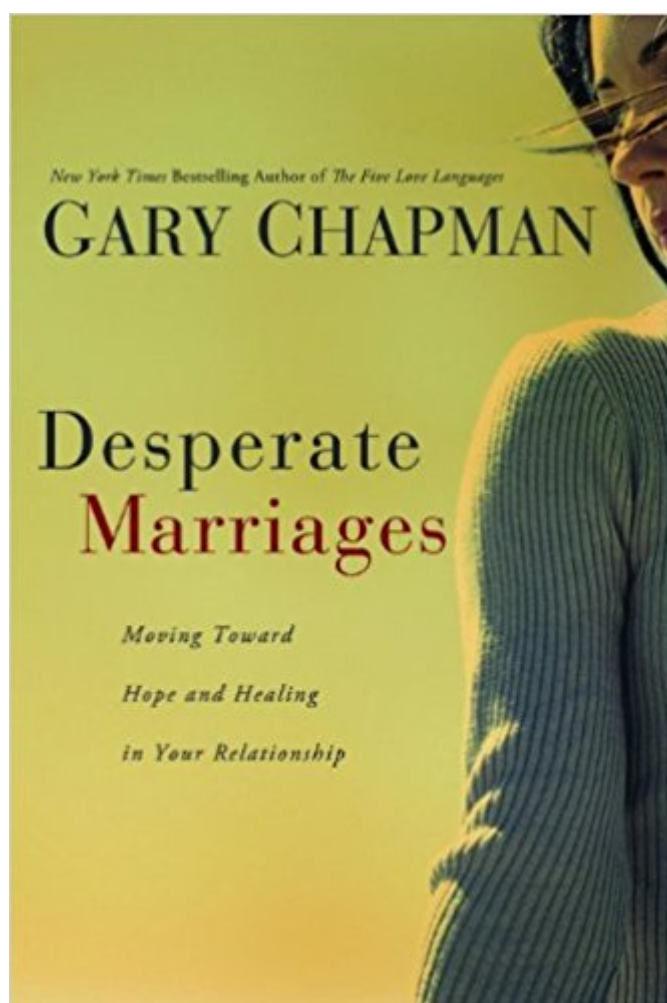




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# Desperate Marriages: Moving Toward Hope And Healing In Your Relationship



## Synopsis

When you said, "I do," you entered marriage with high hopes, dreaming it would be supremely happy. You never intended it to be miserable. Millions of couples are struggling in desperate marriages. But the story doesn't have to end there. Dr. Gary Chapman writes, "I believe that in every troubled marriage, one or both partners can take positive steps that have the potential for changing the emotional climate in their marriage." *Desperate Marriages*, the revised and updated edition of the award-winning *Loving Solutions*, teaches you how to:

- Recognize and reject the myths that hold you captive
- Better understand your spouse's behavior
- Take responsibility for your own thoughts, feelings, and actions
- Make choices that can have a lasting, positive impact on you and your spouse

An experienced marriage and family counselor, Gary Chapman speaks to those whose spouse is:

- Irresponsible
- A workaholic
- Controlling
- Uncommunicative
- Verbally abusive
- Physically abusive
- Sexually abusive
- Unfaithful
- Addicted to alcohol or drugs
- Depressed

Marriage has the same potential to be miserable as it does to be blissful. Read *Desperate Marriage* to learn how you can turn things around.

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## Customer Reviews

In this expanded and updated version of his 1999 book *Loving Solutions*, Chapman draws on years of counseling couples with severe marital problems to argue that most marriages can be saved. Chris Fabry's smooth radio-style baritone is always easy on the ears, but his upbeat delivery strikes a false note, especially when cheerfully describing intractable spousal strife. Many of the problems

(dealing with spouses who are irresponsible, abusive, depressed or addicted, for example) won't apply to everyone, and the audio format makes it difficult for listeners to skip around. A bonus of the audio version is a 15-minute telephone interview with the author on the final CD discussing his concept of love languages, his personal life and career, his Christian faith, the problems of his own early marriage and the genesis of this book. A Northfield paperback. (Feb.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

"A Christian relationship expert says difficult marriages can become rewarding if you move past negative emotions, are constructive in influencing your partner, and focus on improving your own attitudes and behavior. Reminding listeners that selfless love can breathe life into the most painful relationships, Chapman uses stories from his ministry to show how providing security and taking the initiative can change spouses who are irresponsible, abusive, controlling, unfaithful, depressed, or chemically dependent. Though the author all but rules out divorce, his insights sound more empowering than constricting because of Chris Fabry's upbeat performance. His lively phrasing and genuine connection with Chapman's optimism will help motivate listeners to make the extra effort in their marriages, even when all hope for happiness seems lost." T.W. © AudioFile Portland, Maine --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

I started reading marriage books ~3 months ago and this by far is the best one and has provided me some hope. I learned a lot about myself and have made lasting improvements. I believe this book would be helpful to anyone in a desperate marriage. I believe both partners would benefit from reading it, but unfortunately that doesn't always happen. That being my case, it did provide me with encouragement to hang in there.

Thank you Mr. Chapman for writing this book. It's a life changer.

I have always admired the writing style of Gary Chapman. His book: THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES was just the beginning in helping us learn about people in relationships. I thank him for all the books he has penned and urge even more to be written. His easy, concise way of writing giving many examples of what DESPERATE is really great. I think many marriages are this way and people do not recognize what is making them unhappy. I think his good sense and advice are easy to understand. Thank you Gary...keep on writing!

It didn't relate to my situation. It may be good for others in full blown adultery or more severe situation

Excellent resource

Has an array of example couples that one or a couple can gain perspective from, but gets repetitive and touches only the surface of the issues. This is a good start into learning about how to be a better spouse.

Came fast in mail.. great book. Author nailed it on the head with everything.

Good mix of understanding, practical advice and a dose of spiritual reflection.

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