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## Thanksgiving

I came home from my recent series of meetings very tired in body but encouraged in my spirit. I praise the Lord for His mercy and grace, allowing me to travel and teach these truths. I am always reminded I could never do it without all the faithful friends who have heard this teaching and felt it was important enough to lend their support so I could continue to declare this almost lost truth. Thanks to all of you who have supported and prayed for this ministry. The Lord is giving us more positive responses than ever before! We could not do this without each of you. We also continue to covet your prayers as we prepare for more radio interviews and marriage seminars in the future.

As we prepare this newsletter our nation is experiencing some very critical issues. We have been urging Christians to pray for our country as they have never prayed before. We realize we as a nation do not deserve His blessings, but His mercies are from everlasting to everlasting toward those who fear Him. May God have mercy upon us one more time!

Please remember to declare your Thankfulness to the Lord for his unlimited

mercies and grace during this Thanksgiving season. We have every reason to praise Him, for His loving kindness is forever and He has promised to, *“Never leave us, nor forsake us.”*

*Dr. Joseph A. Webb*

From the creation of mankind through Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, David, Jesus Christ and the New Testament writers, the Judaeo-Christian message has always been about faith in one God and the observance of His principles, which requires the sacredness of families.

During the present crisis we hear much ado about the economy, political positioning, defending the borders and financial disintegration; but virtually nothing about the basic cause for all of our national and international problems; the removal of God from every area of our society and the disintegration of godly morality; resulting in the alarming demise of biblical families.

Fundamentalists and Conservatives are pushing to have a constitutional amendment passed, establishing the legal definition of a family as ‘one man, one woman.’ This

definition may sound nice, but it is neither biblical nor spiritual. We have many one man, one woman homes today which do not constitute a biblical family. A truly biblical definition of a family is; one man, one woman for life! Until we get this straight, God cannot and will not bless the Church.

CPR Ministries International, Inc is one of the only ministries in this country trying to re-establish true biblical families of one man, one woman for life. This is what Jesus and Paul taught and instructed Timothy to pass on unchanged. *“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” II Timothy 2:2.*

We at CPR Ministries desire to be faithful in this teaching. Please pray the Lord will continue to open more doors for us to proclaim this message before the night cometh, when no man can work.

Divorced and remarried individuals are now permeating leadership positions in many church groups despite Paul’s first rule for a church leader, *“A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife...One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how can he take care of the church of God?” I Timothy 3:2-5.*

The Church cannot blame the world for this problem.

God will move only when His Church obeys His word and will. *“If my people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; THEN will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” II Chronicles 7:14.*

America’s households, as never before, are facing tremendous challenges today. Why isn’t there an all out program in our national agenda committed to the strengthening of our families? It is time for the Church to quit putting Band-Aids on this ever growing, oozing cancer, destroying our church and nation; broken and unscriptural families. The Church needs to lovingly lead our nation back to a place of genuine repentance and restoration of the home. The Church’s light has been dimmed by this cancer. We believe each of you share our growing concern about the destruction of, and the indifference given to the building of godly families in our country. We feel, with your help, we can once again see the teaching of Biblical families come to the forefront in the body of Christ. Would you help us spread the cure for families wounded by this cancer?

We covet your prayers and generous monthly support to help us proclaim this message during this time when men and women are asking; *“What is God trying to tell us through this national meltdown?”* Christ is the answer and we must share

“HIM” and His love with others.

If you would like to become a vital partner in this effort, please fill out and return to us the reply form provided. Help us, so we can continue to teach (why families must be a vital priority in America) by sending the most generous gift you can today. I cannot think of a more meaningful investment than one that presents God’s answer to a confused world and Church. Our window of opportunity is very narrow, and what we do may very well determine the future of families near you and around the world. May God richly bless and direct you in this matter.

Dr.’s Joseph and Patricia Webb

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## Ministry Update

This has been a very busy, but productive time for CPR Ministries. September 19 through 21, our partners organized a marriage seminar in Tulsa, OK.

The response was very positive and new doors of opportunity were opened for future outreach. Responses from some of those who attended are as follows:

“Your teaching has confirmed my standing for the healing of my marriage. God answered my prayers; after seven years of not even seeing my husband, he has come home. There was never a divorce. My husband repented to God and then to

me. How I thank God I didn't take my pastor's and deacon's advice to get on with my life. Instead I stood on God's Word. I was so excited after reading Till Death Do Us Part? I am now using it in my counseling. I am a certified Christian counselor. Thank you so much for your teaching the truth of God's Word. I will be forever grateful." M.J., OK

"Brother Webb; In your conference I learned more than words can say. Thank you." A.T., OK

"Brother Webb; I have learned the truth! Praise you Lord for the confirmation! He Is Faithful!" J.B., OK

"Brother Webb; I learned; Marriage is until death do us part; Remarriage is what is wrong in the Church and world today. God will honor our commitment to our covenant mate; a covenant cannot be dissolved or changed; it goes on forever."

"From Saturday, Oct. 4 till Sunday Oct. 12, we conducted seminars and question and answer sessions in PA/OH. Again, the results were very positive. After the sessions, pastors came up and said, "I will never marry another divorced person and I am going to have to go back and re-study everything I ever learned about divorce and remarriage." Some of these same pastors are now sharing 'Divorce and Remarriage: The Trojan Horse Within the Church,' with others.

At the close of one service, the pastor stood and told his congregation, "If you promise to read these books,

take them and the church will pay for them." Since then this same church told me they would need to order more books because the church was going to distribute them throughout their area to Christian leaders.

At the Antrim Mennonite Church, in Freeport, OH, the response to the seminar was equally well received. The church bought all the books I had left to distribute in their community.

At Alpha and Omega Ministries in Christiana, PA, one man came all the way from South Carolina with his six year old son, to receive more information about divorce and remarriage. Three years ago, he read Till Death Do Us Part? He had married a divorcee and they had one child. Realizing he was in adultery, he divorced this lady and has continued to follow the Lord, while helping to care for their son. He told me for the last three years, every time he and his son got into his vehicle, his son would say, "Turn on Pastor Webb daddy." For the past three years, he and his son had been listening to teaching CD's offered by the ministry. The father said he wanted his son to meet and know who Pastor Webb was. This six year old sat for over six hours of teaching like a young man, because he had become accustomed to listening to my teaching. What a blessing it was to meet this dear brother and his son.

As in the other seminars, some left with a greater understanding of the Biblical definition of marriage and how to avoid the mistakes of the past. Below are some of their responses to the seminar.

"Thank you for your teaching. Before coming to this seminar, I was unclear on "What about, I was divorced before I was saved and remarried and now I have kids." Then, with the truth of the scripture, you brought clarity. May God bless and sustain you as you spread the truth." J.,OH

"Great job!!! It never gets old and I never will lose my appreciation for your willingness to speak out what will never be popular, but always true. Praise God!!" C.VO., PA

"Although the Scripture verses were familiar to me regarding one man, one wife for life; the historic teachings were new and packed a powerful punch."

As always, I am refreshed by Joe Webb's teaching. It flows seamlessly and effortlessly, yet unforgettably. What a treat! God bless you Joe Webb."

M.W.,PA

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## Points to Ponder:



National Life never rises above the home life and never sinks below it.

Church Life cannot rise higher than home life.

Church Religion never goes above home religion.

Home Authority and Home Example settle the question of Life & Character.

Obedience To Law is settled in childhood.

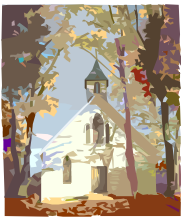
No one can bring a greater curse upon Law and Order and good civilization than parents who turn undisciplined children out into the world.

*“For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.”*

Genesis 18:19

AUTHORITY without  
EXAMPLE= useless

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### **Sponsor a Meeting:**

If you would like to sponsor a marriage seminar in your area, please contact our office and we will be glad to work with you. Those who sponsored a seminar in Iowa and Oklahoma are now working with those who attended the first, to invite more to a second. They will eventually have enough convinced believers to have a strong voice in their community and a personal support system of like-minded believers.

If interested call 407-834-5233 and we will explain how to proceed.

We will be in PA this coming May and July and are working now to set dates in Iowa, Oklahoma, Washington, Oregon, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Georgia and Florida.

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Many of you have been asking about a lady who wrote to us in 2001. We have been reviewing her story and updating you. This is part three of a three part series.

### **Living in Egypt**

By Ruth L.

As scheduled, I left my home town on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and arrived at my friend's home in Florida around 5:00 p.m. on Monday. Driving to Florida was enjoyable, except driving through Atlanta, Georgia was a bit of a challenge. I was so excited to be there that I felt like I was floating as I walked around. I was praising and thanking the Lord for this wonderful vacation I was going to have. They had a lovely doublewide mobile home that was located in a beautiful security gated golf course community. After settling in, learning how to get around the area, and just relaxing for a couple of days, I decided that I had better call my friend and let her know that I was in Florida. On Thursday, I called her and told her that I would be staying with my friends until December 15<sup>th</sup> and then I'd be driving down to her place. Then she said, "Oh, you can't come here. My son, the

pastor, likes to come to my place to study and pray because he is too distracted at home by his two small children, and sometimes he likes to stay overnight." I was absolutely stunned when she said this to me. I felt like she had just punched me in the stomach. She knew I was coming to Florida and never mentioned this to me.

When I was in Florida in the winter of 2002, I had met a man who had a mentally handicapped daughter and we had become friends. I had talked to him several times since I had left Florida and he knew about my plans to come down for the winter. I told the friend that I was supposed to be staying with that I thought I would contact him, and maybe I could stay with them until the Lord opened up an assignment for me. On Saturday, I received a call from him. My lady friend had told him that I was going to call him. He said, "Ruth, I have something to tell you and you're not going to like it. I have sold my home and I am moving back to New York." I was so upset by this news that I started to cry. I asked him why he didn't tell me this before I came to Florida. Here I was sitting in a strange town and the door had just closed twice on my plans to go back down to the East Coast of Florida for the winter.

When we hung up, I just started crying out to the Lord. "What am I doing here in Florida and where am I supposed to go when I have to leave here on December 15<sup>th</sup>? Why didn't they tell me about these things before I left

Illinois and came here?” I heard the Lord very quietly tell me that if they had told me these things I wouldn’t have come to Florida. This was very true. I wouldn’t have come, but now that I’m here, I’m wondering why am I here. This was the beginning of “A NEW ADVENTURE.”

I wanted to go to church the next day, so I looked in the yellow pages for the church listings. There were many churches listed. There was even one in the city I was staying in but I felt prompted to go to one in a neighboring city. When I arrived there Sunday morning, this lady walked up to me and introduced herself. She was the minister for senior citizens. We got talking and she asked me where I was from and how long I was going to be in the area? I told her that I was from Illinois but I didn’t know how long I would be in the area. I filled out a visitor card and requested that someone call me. On Tuesday, this lady called me. I shared with her that I had a care giving ministry and that I planned to go down the coast but the door had closed twice on my plan. I told her that I had no idea why I was here or where I was supposed to go after December 15<sup>th</sup>. She then told me about a lady who went to their church that was going to have surgery. All of her family lived up north and none of them offered to come down to stay with her after her surgery. She then asked me if I would be

interested in doing this. I told her that I’d like to meet this lady and see if we were compatible, so she set up a meeting for Friday. When I walked into her home and met her, we felt like we had always known each other. She shared with me how she had been crying out to the Lord and asking Him to bring her a caregiver to stay with her after her surgery. I told her that she must have been praying with much power to the Lord that He would bring me from Illinois, close the door to my plan, and bring me to her as her answer to prayer. She had her surgery on December 10<sup>th</sup>. I picked her up from the hospital on the 11<sup>th</sup> and moved into her home just four days before I was due to leave my friend’s home. Now I knew why the Lord had moved upon my friends to offer me their home and closed the door on my plan.

I feel like I actually had an Acts 16 experience. Paul and his companion went through a similar experience. They wanted to go preach in Asia and then in Bithynia, but the Spirit wouldn’t allow them to go into either place. Then Paul had the vision about the man from Macedonia who was calling out, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” They had the door closed on them twice and they ended up going where the man was calling for help. I too had the door closed twice and I ended up going where the lady was calling for help. Once I understood what

had happened to me and why it had happened, I was so excited to think that the Lord would choose me to have an Acts 16 experience.

I thought that I was going to have a traveling care giving, companionship, and spiritual encouragement ministry. I figured that when this lady was well enough to live alone, that the Lord would lead me to another place and another assignment. This lady lived in a mobile home park community but it wasn’t as elite as the park I had lived in just prior to our meeting. After about two weeks of living in this park, I started to get a prompting that I was to buy a mobile home. I fought this prompting because it wasn’t what I thought I was supposed to do. After my almost 20 year detour, I wasn’t going to do anything unless I knew for sure that it was the Lord leading me to do it. I thought it was the devil trying to deceive me into getting off the right path again so he could mess up my Christian walk. The prompting kept getting stronger even though I was casting it down. I was listening to Christian television one morning and the Bible teacher said that if you have a prompting that just won’t go away, you need to step out in faith that it is from the Lord and ask the Lord to direct your steps. I decided to do this and after seeking His direction for two weeks, I ended up buying a small mobile home in the same park that this lady lived

in. I moved into my home on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002 but continued to help this lady until the beginning of April when she was finally capable of driving again.

I have to tell you that I have been so happy living here in Florida. The Lord has given me two wonderful families. I have my church family and my park family. Between these two families, I have about 1000 relatives. I can't go anywhere in the area without running into someone that I know. The Lord has never had me do another live in assignment but I have helped people out in many different ways over the past 4 ½ years since He brought me to Florida. I go around my park and my church just loving people and speaking words of encouragement to them. So many people are lonely or sick and they need someone who is willing to take the time to just talk with them and encourage them.

Back in January 2003, I received a call from a lady who goes to my church. She knew that I had an encouragement ministry. She shared with me about a couple she knew and the wife just had a stroke and they were in the emergency room at the hospital. This was Saturday and they were told that because the hospital was so full of patients, that they wouldn't be able to have a room for her until Monday so she would have to stay in the emergency room until then. This lady then told me that the husband was so discouraged and he needed someone to go

to the hospital to encourage him. She said that she would go but she and her husband were scheduled to go out of town so she couldn't go. She asked me if I would be willing to go to the hospital and I said that I would. I asked her what the man's name was and when she told me, I told her that it sounded familiar to me. I then asked her some questions about this couple and after her answers I told her that I was sure that I knew them. Back in the late 1970's, there was a couple who came to my church in Illinois several times and they would stay a week each time they came and teach wonderful Bible Truths. I knew them quite well but once I left the church in 1982, I never saw them again. I didn't even know if they were alive. I drove to the hospital but before I went in I told the Lord that if this was the couple that I thought it was, that they had been faithful Kingdom Servants and that they were not going to stay in the emergency room until Monday. I said that they were going to get a room and I would pray with them about this. When I saw the man, I recognized him immediately. I said to him, "You are not going to believe who the Lord just brought to you to encourage you. I am Ruth L. from Illinois." He just stared at me but then he remembered who I was and he was so happy and very surprised. Tears started coming out of his eyes because he was so touched that the Lord had brought me there after being out of touch for over 20 years.

His wife said she also remembered me. We talked for just about 20 minutes and then a nurse walked in and said they had a room for her. What a miracle!!! I told him what I had said before I came into the hospital and that I was going to pray with them about a room opening up for her, but now it wasn't necessary. The Lord gave them favor and opened up a room for her. When I came home, I called the lady from church on her cell phone and told her that this couple was who I thought they were and how the Lord had opened up a room for her. This lady started praising the Lord and telling her husband what had happened. I have stayed in touch with this couple and I go to their home and visit with them a couple times a year. We are still amazed how the Lord reunited us after all those years.

The Lord has been so good to me since I have moved to Florida. I still have never had a job since July 17, 2000. He has provided an income for me and He supplies everything I need. I have never lacked for anything. As a matter of fact, my little mobile home is overflowing with His blessings. I am so free and I'm so grateful for this freedom. I have had many adventures with the Lord and plan to have many more. He surprises me in so many ways.

My husband is still alive and lives in Illinois. He has not rededicated his life back to the Lord so we are unequally yoked. My boundary Scriptures that I am living my life according to are I

Corinthians 7:10-11, and 39. The Lord says that I am to remain unmarried or else be reconciled back to my husband. I am also bound to him until he dies. Actually, I'm glad that I have these boundary Scriptures because I don't want any romantic interest and I certainly don't want another husband. I have dedicated my life to the Lord and He is my number one priority. I am very protective of my relationship to the Lord and I don't allow anyone to distract me from it.

My younger daughter was married four years ago and she has a wonderful husband and a beautiful home. When I go to Illinois, I stay with them. My older daughter still has not communicated with me, except for a couple nasty emails, since March 2002. I do believe that the Holy Spirit is softening her heart because she does allow me to call my grandsons and she also allows me to see them when I go up to Illinois. She has her own issues and someday she will realize that her life will never be fulfilling until she surrenders her life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. I know that someday our relationship will be reconciled, but until that happens, I have to concentrate on what the Lord is calling me to do and continue to trust Him to deal with her. I refuse to let the enemy distract me and steal my joy over this broken relationship. She is my prodigal daughter and when she comes to her senses and

decides that she is ready to have a mom again, I'll be waiting with open arms to receive her back into my life.

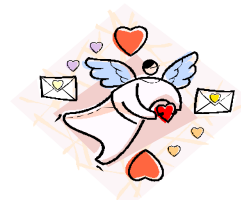
We trust this letter has been a blessing and encouragement to you as you see how patient and loving our Heavenly Father really is with His children.

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We also thank the Lord for the faithful work of the Holy Spirit in this life. We planted the seed; others watered it; others cultivated it. The seed fell into "good ground" and has brought, much fruit that will remain."

Stories like these are happening around the world because of the message in "Till Death Do Us Part," and now "Divorce and Remarriage, The Trojan Horse Within the Church."

Please help us get it into the hands of more people like Ruth. God Bless You!



## Letters From You

Dear Pat,

Thank you and your husband for all your help. Your husband's book, "Marriage & Divorce: The Trojan Horse Within the Church," confirmed what I felt in my heart that God told me to do. When I started your husband's book I could not put it down. I never read a book so fast. It confirmed to me that I was not crazy, nor that I

sinned by divorcing my 2<sup>nd</sup> husband. My pastor disagrees with me. He feels God would not contradict Himself and tell me to go back to my first husband because of Deut. 24:1-4. I asked him if he would read your husband's book on divorce and remarriage and he said he would.

I want to order at least 10 of those books and give one to my pastor and a few others. I want to have one sent to my first husband because he originally said he would only read a brochure I gave him if it addresses Deut. 24:1-4. I'm going to start with my pastor and see what his response is. He is a Godly pastor, but I do disagree on this point with him. I will ask him to read it prayerfully and tell me what he thinks. I will be praying that God will open his eyes, too, to what God really says about divorce and remarriage. I pray that he shall see that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God never changes. He does agree that God hates divorce. I believe he feels there may be some times when it's ok to divorce but not the reasons you have in your book. I feel the only time divorce is right is if one or both were previously married and their 1<sup>st</sup> spouse is still alive. I feel that the 1<sup>st</sup> marriage between 2 that have never been married before is the one and only marriage that God sees as a marriage "till death do them part," whether or not they are a Christians. When I felt God literally told me to pick up and leave my 2<sup>nd</sup> adulterous marriage, He also told me to go back to my first husband. I questioned

God as to what about my child from my 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage and how can I just show up on my first's doorstep especially after all these years. I was scared to go back at first. But God restored my love for my first husband and whether or not he ever allows me to come back to him, he will be my husband in my heart till death does finally part us. In the mean time I will write him and try to encourage him and share with him, not expecting anything in return. I don't deserve to be his wife again because of the deep hurt I caused him. I know we'd have a lot to work out, but if God speaks to his heart, He can help us work it out. I pray my pastor's eyes shall be opened. Your book takes all the verses that Christians do agree on and then takes the verses that Christians think are controversial and shows that there is no controversy at all.

We have been around non-Christians too much and have molded some of their ways of thinking into ours.

A fellow sister in Christ,

I just finished reading *Divorce and Remarriage: The Trojan Horse Within the Church*. Wow, what a powerful book with so much history. I am so glad you've put it all in an easy to read book for those of us that are standing strong for our marriage. OK.

My husband, a Christian, is in the far-off country right now.

He left 2 ½ years ago. I know God allowed his leaving for a reason. I have wanted to quit standing over and over, but just couldn't. I wanted to know what I know in my heart in my head. Now, with your book, I understand the reason I have not taken my wedding band

off. God wants me to wait and pray for my husband's return from the pig pen. I appreciate your time in researching the history of divorce and remarriage. It really is eye opening to see how two men, Erasmus and Luther changed God's Word. I wonder why the Lord allowed this to happen? Guess I'll find out when I'm in heaven. In the meantime, I must stand on my covenant with God to work in me and my wonderful husband so we can be the couple that sings His praises once we are together again.

Thank you for your hard work. B.L.

Due to limited space some of your letters had to be edited, but we thank God for your support and prayers.

CPR Ministries is a non-denominational ministry and receives no support apart from friends like you.

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*"Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; but we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."*

*Psalm 100:3-4*

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