



PATHWAY TO A HEALTHY MARRIAGE

Couples who come to The Clearing may be in crisis for the first time, or suffer chronic conflict, or may be dealing with newly changed circumstances like an “empty nest” or retirement. Some of the issues may include things like:

Hopelessness. Long-standing conflicts that have never been resolved and seem impossible.

Infidelity. One or both of the partners have had extramarital affairs.

Lack of Affection. One or both of the partners have “fallen out of love” and believe they can never rekindle the flame. Boredom in the bedroom.

Escalating Anger. Inability to resolve conflicts without spiraling aggression.

Communication Difficulties. Not being able to say what one means and be understood.

Withdrawal. One partner pulls out of conversations, shutting the other down.

Pornography Addiction.

Different Convictions. Viewpoints on important issues that create recurring conflict.

Negativity. One partner berates the other consistently.



Take Your Marriage From Good to Great!

A NEW PROGRAM AT CHURCHES

The Clearing has also introduced a new weekend “Good to Great” workshop on communication, based on the break-through success of the Marriage Intensives. Using humor and insight, our facilitators lead couples in face-to-face encounters to open up the channels of authentic interaction. Topics covered include:

- * How to discern and stop the cycle of triggering your spouse’s hot buttons.
- * How to implement a “no loser” policy in conflict resolution, and win.
- * Fostering intimacy in communication.
- * How to play on the same team in marriage, instead of opposing each other.

The Clearing is offering the “Good to Great” workshop at local churches. To book a weekend workshop, contact The Clearing. via the contact information below.

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The Clearing’s Founders

Dr. Margit Winstrom Riley and Dr. William Riley, co-founders of The Clearing, are physicians who have dedicated their family ranch to create a center for refreshing the soul and restoring marriages.



THE CLEARING

HEALING MARRIAGES



RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS

“Would you accept a miracle in healing your marriage?” That’s one of the questions we ask couples in crisis considering participating in our Marriage Intensives. Four-day retreats offer a serene, sequestered environment, where two experienced marriage therapists help couples work through issues in a caring and effective way, reconciling problems and restoring hope again.



Marriage Intensives Work

REMARKABLE RESULTS

For more than ten years, the Marriage Intensive Retreat has proven to be a highly effective format for couples in crisis to restore their relationship. Follow-up research indicates that nine of every ten couples stay married after participating, and they report marital satisfaction. 98% of the participants say they would recommend the Couples Intensives to a friend.

One of the key elements of success is the sustained work that couples do with two highly skilled, experienced marriage therapists over four days. Thirty hours of counseling allows the couples to go deep enough to get at the root issues causing problems in their relationship.

Another element of success is the fact that several couples are going through the process together. It's a small enough group to be personal, while allowing for conversations that are mutually helpful. The group dynamic fosters healing in a powerful way.

Once the Intensive is completed, each couple receives a detailed report and recommendations on what to do to continue the healing process and restore a fulfilling marriage.

ROOTED IN FAITH

The therapists for The Clearing approach marriage not merely as a contract but as a covenant, an eternal promise between a man, a woman, and God. The therapists have studied theology as well as psychology, and their approach is rooted in an understanding of both.

Participants of all faiths are welcome at The Clearing. Our therapists all come from a Christian background. Their job is to meet participants where they are spiritually, whatever their faith, and show them the roadmap to move from a troubled marriage to the vibrant, lasting marriage they always hoped for.

When couples have completed the Marriage Intensive, they are referred to counselors or pastors in their faith community for follow-up.

For more information or to register call Program Director Deborah Kristen at 979.885.8121.



RETREAT AND REFRESH

The Clearing offers comfortable accommodations in a sequestered environment, with excellent meals served on site. A host couple is there to care for your needs. Fresh air outside, tree-lined paths for walking, blossoming flowers, and the sounds from the serene countryside all offer the ideal environment to unplug and unwind. The Clearing offers a welcome opportunity for couples to take a deep breath and start fresh with each other.

