

“Raw, real, and incredibly practical. Clint and Penny Bragg offer powerful hope to those who need help getting their marriage back on course. If marriage is hard for you right now, you need this book.”

**Mark and Jill Savage**, authors of *No More Perfect Marriages* and founders of [www.NoMorePerfectDateNight.com](http://www.NoMorePerfectDateNight.com)

“Anyone who is feeling lost or desperate because of being deserted by a spouse needs to not only read *Marriage Off Course* but keep it accessible during their journey to wholeness. The insight and direction that Clint and Penny Bragg give based on their personal journey and years of experience in helping others make this book a must-have for ministry leaders looking for a resource for couples who are facing separation or divorce.”

**Joe and Michelle Williams**, founders of Marriage 911 God’s Way and authors of *Yes, Your Marriage Can Be Saved*

“Several years ago, I too was facing the desert of a broken marriage. What a difference it would have made for me then to have Clint and Penny Bragg’s book! Clint and Penny are as real as can be, and they offer such an authentic voice to your pain. Then they go one step further and equip you with specific tools to navigate the discouragement and uncertainty of a collapsing marriage. If you are looking for spot-on insights bathed in God’s truth and love, this book is for you.”

**Julie Sibert**, author, speaker, and blogger at [www.IntimacyInMarriage.com](http://www.IntimacyInMarriage.com)

“Clint and Penny Bragg are the real deal. They know what it is like to survive in the desert, and they offer healing advice. But, importantly, they also know how to find the garden. Their book, *Marriage Off Course*, is filled with wisdom. Not gimmicks, but real solutions. In fact, there are more examples of tangible resources than one person could possibly use. That means there’s something for everyone! This book is valuable for pastors and counselors, friends and family, to give to anyone experiencing the pain of marriage difficulties and failure. If you are going through heartbreak yourself, read it and hope will be ignited in

you. The worst thing that can happen is that you will grow with God and find your true self. That's not a bad deal at all!"

**Signa Bodishbaugh**, author and leader of The Journey to Wholeness in Christ conference

"I wish I already had copies of this book to give to every couple I encounter that's in trouble! *Marriage Off Course* doesn't only show you what to do when a marriage seems to crumble but how to do it and why. Clint and Penny Bragg's humility, honesty, and encouragement go straight to the heart of a struggling marriage, then give a bottom line for every marriage: 'Stop and ask the Holy Spirit to make you completely honest before God.' Because the Braggs continually point the reader to God and His work within the individual, I truly believe this book can save marriages or lead to healing for those whose mate refuses to reconcile. This is an anointed work."

**Shellie Arnold**, founder of Your Marriage Resources and author of the Barn Church novels

"Clint and Penny know what they are talking about. Individuals who face the crushing reality of a broken marriage need hope. *Marriage Off Course* is a road map born out of real-world experience and biblical truth. I look forward to using this resource in my counseling practice, and I wish I'd had it earlier."

**Russell Holloway**, executive director of Open Doors Counseling Network

"*Marriage Off Course* is a wonderful resource for anyone dealing with separation or divorce. Clint and Penny Bragg recognize the pain and loss when a marriage falls apart. They get it because they went through it. But even more importantly, they recognize the reality of hope in situations that feel hopeless—the true reality of not just surviving but healing this deep wound. They clearly communicate biblical truths but also offer many practical tools for navigating these choppy waters. God is sufficient. You can heal. Miracles do happen. Eleven years after their separated, Clint and Penny remarried. But perhaps the greatest miracle

of all is the joy and hope you can have no matter what does or doesn't happen with your marriage. We've worked with couples dealing with infidelity for over twenty years, and this is a book we would highly recommend to anyone who feels alone in their journey."

**Gary & Mona Shriver**, authors of *Unfaithful: Hope and Healing After Infidelity*, and cofounders of Hope & Healing Ministries

"What if within your marital brokenness is hidden the power to make you whole?' Do those who are broken dare ponder this possibility? Clint and Penny Bragg not only make this audacious suggestion but provide trustworthy direction, as experienced guides, to help you navigate a journey toward its realization. This is not just a survival manual; it is a call to hold hope and become whole—while traversing the barren yet potentially beauty-bearing territory of the desert-ed."

**Micki Ann Harris**, spiritual formation director of Chattanooga House of Prayer

"*Marriage Off Course* is the book we wish we'd had during our own separation. We suffered harder than we needed to because we didn't have the blessing of this rich resource to hand. This is not a book to read once and then put on a shelf. If you allow the principles in it to sink deeply into your soul and interact with the Rest Stops for Reflection, you will be guided into a deeper relationship with Jesus during an excruciating time in your life.

"Many of the principles that Clint and Penny share are nuggets of gold when walking through separation or divorce. When you are down and need hope, read the testimonies of people who have been where you are. When you don't know how to pray, pray aloud the prayers that Clint and Penny have shared, or click on the QR code to be prayed for. When you are perplexed about what Scriptures apply to your situation, they have provided a well of passages to drink from. When you are struggling to sort your thoughts out about a certain area of pain or grief, work on the exercises at the end of each chapter to propel you forward."

**Richard and Sharon Wildman**, founders of Stubborn Pursuits Ministries

“Clint and Penny have woven a beautiful teaching about the spiritual covenant of marriage using images from God’s created nature. This book gives hope to the hopeless and encouragement to those who are walking the path of separation and divorce. God always has a way that leads to redemption, and that redemption always leads to Him, first in our life and then in the life of our spouse. With practical steps toward healing in each chapter, this book could be used as an individual study or in a small group setting for those in despair or those wanting to improve their marriage. The Braggs have marvelously pictured God’s forgiveness of our sin and demonstrated our need to ‘forgive by forgiving.’”

**Rex and Carolyn Johnson**, codirectors of Covenant Keepers, Inc.

“*Marriage Off Course* is a lifeline of hope and guidance for couples facing crisis in their marriage. Clint and Penny Bragg speak from experience as they share their story—with no-holds-barred vulnerability—throughout the book. Readers will be emboldened to believe as they discover practical insight and Scripture that instill faith that ‘every shattered marriage is repairable, no matter who or what has crushed it to the core.’

“In a time where everything seems disposable, the Braggs hold fiercely to the premise that nothing is greater than our God. They remind readers that pursuing God, rather than their spouse, can establish the path for genuine reconciliation and the joy God meant marriage to be. In my work as a relationship coach, *Marriage Off Course* will be my first recommendation for those needing restored faith and a deep, deep well of encouragement, tools, insight, and hope.”

**Deb DeArmond**, coauthor of *Don’t Go to Bed Angry: Stay Up and Fight!*

“*Marriage Off Course* is for everyone who unfortunately finds themselves in an unwanted separation or divorce. It provides insight into what God can do in the midst of their despair and offers practical resources for their healing journey. Clint and Penny share from their own story, along with others who have walked the path of brokenness, to offer

insight, hope, and help. We highly recommend this book and will be sharing this much-needed book in our marriage ministry.”

**Don and Becky Smith**, cofounders of Bridge to Life Ministries

“Are you feeling alone as you deal with separation or divorce? You need a road map to find your way forward, and the Braggs’ book provides wise advice for this vulnerable time in your life.

“As Clint and Penny’s pastor, I’ve seen up close the way their ministry breathes life into broken marriages. I highly recommend this book to help you lean into God’s promises and find the right path forward in the midst of your pain.”

**Nate Schaus**, lead pastor at Summit Community Church, Buckeye, Arizona

“For those who are languishing in the desert of separation or divorce and need an infusion of faith for the journey, *Marriage Off Course* uses the poetry of a desert analogy to offer biblical guidance and practical tools to find a path to healing. The Braggs also provide an insightful perspective into the mind of a prodigal spouse and the husband she left behind. Their own experience of an eleven-year divorce that resulted in reconciliation, plus many stories from others, will encourage readers that they can find beauty in the desert and purpose on the journey.”

**Linda W. Rooks**, author of *Broken Heart on Hold*

also by Clint & Penny A. Bragg

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