



What Can MarriageTeam Do For You?

- Save over 90% of the marriages where couples are contemplating divorce.
- Save you and your staff significant time.
- Prepare couples for marriage using PREPARE/ENRICH and coaching.
- Provide a practical marital discipleship experience for your couples.

MarriageTeam is a non-denominational, faith based nonprofit that provides marriage coaching services to strengthen and save marriages and families by equipping Christian couples for service with MarriageTeam as volunteer marriage coaches.

GREAT Coaching Results

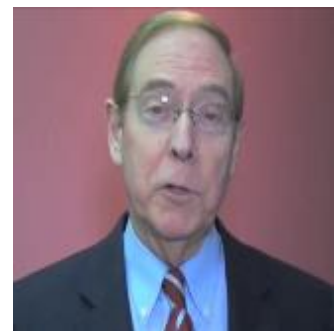
- Over 90% of the couples who were considering divorce before coaching were no longer considering divorce after completing coaching.
- Independent assessment by PREPARE/ENRICH: improvements of 196% in communication and 145% in conflict resolution for couples who complete coaching.
- When asked how likely are you to recommend marriage coaching to a friend or colleague on a scale of 1 to 10, the average response is 9.7.

Benefits for Your Church

- Christian referral resource for couples.
- An empowered and effective marriage ministry.
- More time for church staff for other priorities.
- Marriage coaching outreach to the community to bring new couples to the church.
- Fewer divorces. A single divorce can cause a large drop in giving. The average giving per person in the US is \$1038.¹ So for a married couple the loss is \$2,076.

Videos that Speak to the Effectiveness of MarriageTeam

- Dr Gary Chapman, author of *The Five Love Languages*, speaks to pastors: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=go4mYtrFWuY>
- Pastor James Martin Testimonial: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LT9pjKyOLrA>
- Steve and Christina Suarez, a couple coached by MarriageTeam, on the 700 Club: <http://www.cbn.com/tv/3269614489001>
- A young girl shares the impact of coaching on her family: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wEJeXf1sCo>



Dr. Gary Chapman

To learn more about what MarriageTeam can do for you

- Call 866 831-4201, www.marriageteam.org

Access to Services - MarriageTeam offers

- **Affordable and highly effective Skype marriage coaching** for couples you refer.
 - Cost is \$295 for 9 to 12, 2-3 hour sessions.
 - Money back guarantee: If you believe you did not get your money's worth from your coaching experience, put it in writing and everything except for the inventory and materials costs (\$65) will be refunded.

- **Marriage coach training at your location** to develop local MarriageTeam coaching capabilities.
 - Equip couples in your congregation to serve your congregation and community as MarriageTeam coaches.
 - MarriageTeam provides all the materials, processing, and coach couple support needed to have a successful marriage coaching experience.
 - Couples volunteer for MarriageTeam.
 - MarriageTeam works closely with you to support your marriage restoration efforts with scripturally based marriage coaching that creates changed lives and lasting change.

- MarriageTeam coaching addresses:
 - Communications and coaches facilitate application of the skills so couples achieve new understanding and break throughs.
 - Anger and how to effectively deal with it.
 - Bitterness and forgiveness with practical steps for forgiving.
 - Conflict resolution agreements.
 - Problem solving where couples work together to achieve different results.
 - Personality differences and how to develop effective strategies for addressing them.
 - Intimacy and how to connect on an emotional level.
 - Goal setting for future growth.

- Coaches use the coaching process to
 - Create improved awareness of the couple's issues,
 - New learning about possible solutions,
 - Agreements for new behaviors to obtain different results, and
 - Mutual accountability for achieving desired results.

Footnote

1. Anderson, Stephen, *Preparing to Build: Practical Tips & Experienced Advice to Prepare Your Church for a Building Program*, Sep 28, 2011, an excerpt, *Giving in the Church: An Analysis of Average Giving per Person*.

Pastor Testimonials

Dr Gary Chapman, Pastor, Author of *The Five Love Languages*

If you are a pastor, I know that you feel the pain when you see couples in your congregation divorce, and all of us have experienced that. A few years ago, I met Alan and Autumn Ray; they started a ministry called MarriageTeam in which they train lay couples to be marriages coaches. MarriageTeam will take couples in your church and every church has at least one couple who has a passion for marriage, and it will train them so that they come back and you have someone that you can refer couples to who are struggling. 94% of those couples who go to their coaches find real help and turn away from divorce. I want to challenge you to check it out. I think you will find this to be a great partner for you and your ministry.

Ed Wilgus, Senior Pastor, Sutherlin Family Church, Sutherlin, OR

Our church participated in Marriage Team coaches training in January 2012. This was an experiment as we didn't know much about Marriage Team before attending the training. I was delighted to see how quickly the information that Al and Autumn were sharing was impacting my own marriage. Robynne and I felt we were good communicators and problem solvers and yet had been stuck for several years unable to overcome some major challenges. We had read books, attended conferences and yet still were unable to work through these challenges. In the first few hours of training, we learned some new communication skills that have helped us discover new breakthroughs in our marriage. Other couples who attended with us also experienced similar breakthroughs.

We have several coaching couples in our church now because of the recent training in January. One new coaching couple experienced some major challenges with the couple they were coaching. They contacted the Marriage Team office and it was quick to respond to the need and was able to direct the new coaches to successfully work through the challenges. By the way, the couple they were coaching was separated when they began MarriageTeam Coaching. Today they are days away from completing their coaching and are back together under the same roof and experiencing renewed relationship.

As a pastor, I have found MT to be a great resource not only in helping me direct our coaches but also in providing information as a marriage specialist. MT has recommended books and other resources that have helped in my understanding and ability to help grow healthy marriages. I have great hope today for the marriages in our church because of our relationship with MarriageTeam.

We are so excited about the results that our MT coaches are having, we are planning a training this fall for new coaches to be trained. I am excited to finally have a coaching system that allows lay people the opportunity to rescue hurting marriages and to have coaching couples who I can, with confidence, hand off hurting marriages to knowing that this process gives this couple the best chance that I am aware of for marriage success.

Kevin Palau, President, Luis Palau Association, Portland, Oregon

MarriageTeam is a participant in the Marketplace Coalition and I am familiar with their marriage-coaching ministry. It is definitely worth checking out if you are considering creating a lay couple marriage ministry.

Charlie Granade, Senior Pastor, Ridgeview Bible Church, Chadron, Nebraska

As the senior pastor of a church with many young couples, the amount of premarital counseling and crises counseling is daunting. However, Marriage Team has allowed me to develop a team of lay people to come along side me in this process. As a result, I can spend my time on other important things such as vision, leadership development, etc., while empowering the body to do what is called to do.

Because of what the Lord has done through our marriage coaching ministry, our church has already seen two couples go from being separated to having wonderful marriages and one couple transform from being freshly divorced to being remarried. Just three weeks ago, I did a marriage vow renewal ceremony for a couple whose lives were transformed from God using the coaching process developed by Marriage Team.

Considering the real costs of couples getting divorced (in terms of lives being destroyed, decreases in church giving, etc.), how could a church afford not to rise up an army of marriage coaches?

Bob Carlson, Senior Pastor, Brush Prairie Baptist Church, Vancouver, Washington

We have greatly appreciated the ministry of MarriageTeam. We recently had three couples complete coach couple training. Almost immediately MarriageTeam was able to facilitate good matches with couples seeking help so that the coaches have had a very positive coaching experience. This effective linking of new coaches to couples seeking help, also helps to ensure that the MarriageTeam training they had received is reinforced in praxis and does not just atrophy after the training. MarriageTeam has helped us as a church to better serve our community with a very genuine marriage outreach. Their marriage coaching model also helps us link older and younger couples together so that we can open up opportunities for intergenerational connection and blessing within our church family.

I heartily recommend MarriageTeam's coaches training and ministry model to other pastors and churches. The effectiveness of MarriageTeam has opened up new ministry opportunities to members of our church and freed our pastors to devote more of our time to other ministry needs. I anticipate sending three more couples to MarriageTeam's training in the near future to strengthen our ability to serve both our church and community families.

Dr Mike Wilde, Senior Pastor, Laurelwood Baptist Church, Vancouver, Washington

I recommend, in the strongest way possible, the Marriage Team ministry that was "birthed" out of our church. The founders had a vision of helping couples have healthy marriages and I can tell you that Marriage Team is the "real deal."

In the many years that we have worked together, I have seen real miracles. I think of the testimony of one of our youth who thanked God and the congregation for saving his family and I know it was due to the work MarriageTeam did with his parents. MarriageTeam is a real blessing and saves me a considerable amount of time that I can devote to the other pressing ministries.

Finally, I have seen MarriageTeam equip several of the couples in our congregation for active ministries in serving families as a witness for Christ. I have heard from them how they have not only been a blessing to others but how their marriages have improved as well. MarriageTeam is really an expression of what every church should be doing, "for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ," Ephesians 4:12.

Couple Testimonials

"I came into coaching thinking I knew everything. However, **coaching changed our lives**. Now we can express our feelings properly and are not afraid to open up. Our trust levels have grown so much, and our stress levels are ever decreasing. **In the midst of coaching we faced joblessness, almost homelessness, severe illness and hospitalization, and we lost our baby**. Thanks to our new tools in communication, we made it through it all, holding hope and each other." Michael, Salem, OR

"**I was ready to end our marriage** because we could not communicate or get along 90% of the time. With our coaches' help, we have learned tools to help with all of the issues we have. Through the coaching, we learned more about each other and ways to deal with our differences – and there are a lot of them! We are total opposites! Before coaching, we were miserable – fighting all the time, and always on the defensive. Now, our finances are not spinning out of control. **Learning how to resolve conflicts with brainstorming and agreements has been like a breath of fresh air!**" Colleen, Vancouver, WA

"**This coaching process was amazing** as we learned so many tools to change our marriage and had many opportunities to practice with our coaches. Our relationship was awful before coaching. **We strongly disliked each other, had major hurt between us and kept arguing all the time. Now, we resolve conflict easier, work harder to give what the other needs more of, and forgive quicker.**" Erica, Fairview, OR

"Our coaches were great. They stuck with us and helped us get through some really tough stuff. We had a great coaching experience, although sometimes it was hard. **Before coaching we were lifeless and struggling**. Our communication has improved, and we've become intentional about spending time together." Stephanie, Roseburg, OR

"At first, I wasn't sure what to expect from coaching, I just knew we needed help. We had horrible communication and daily I felt let down. **I felt invisible, like I was replaceable, and I tried to communicate that to my spouse until I felt like I was going to explode!** Coaching was the last chance to save our marriage. However, I now feel heard! I feel like I matter! **Our communication has improved 100 fold! I feel more loved and less hurt and angry.** My spouse still falls back on old habits but I can remind him of what we have learned and we get right back on track." - Joyce, Vancouver, WA

"Our coaches helped us get to root causes that caused so much hurt, pain and frustration with each other. They were amazing facilitators with the process. **Before coaching, I was researching divorce**, there was high tension between us and I was completely done with the marriage. I was only in it for the kids. Now I understand much better my husband's needs and motivations. I see how my words and actions (positive and negative) affect my husband's spirit." Joan, Salem, OR

"I thought it was great having a couple as opposed to one therapist. The coaching was non-biased and felt fair. They were professional and stuck to the program. Our relationship before coaching was no fun. Neither one wanted to be around the other for fear of arguments. **We are happier now. We talk more and hardly argue**. We've learned to express our thoughts so the other person isn't offended, which is a big help to us. **We would recommend our coaches.**" Matt, Camas, WA

"I was hopeful, but at the same time doubtful before coaching. **My wife seemed to believe all the problems in our marriage were due to me**, but through coaching, she learned that we both have room to improve. We had a very good coaching experience. Our coaches were balanced in their approach and did not "play favorites." Before coaching, our relationship was cordial, but cold. It seemed like my wife was just a roommate. We both now agree that we own fixing our marriage. We understand better our core motivations and are armed with better communication tools." Jim, Vancouver, WA

“The coaches were very patient with our process, and gave us lots of personal examples that were helpful. Our coaching experience was challenging, insightful and we are thankful for the opportunity to go through the process. Our relationship before coaching was very, very challenging. Our communication has improved and we have diminished conflict.” Rob, Roseburg, OR

“Our coaches kept us on track. They really worked hard on making us use good “I” statements. They went back to these often with us so that we would apply this good skill. Before coaching, we did not communicate, and if we did, it did not go well and did not resolve or accomplish anything but more strife and tension. Since coaching, we have returned to date nights. We have realized how far off our relationship of oneness had strayed from what God intended. I try to work on being more loving towards my spouse.” Bridget, Mobile, AL

“Coaching really helped us learn new skills. It was great. We really enjoyed the experience. Before coaching, our relationship was not good. My wife was always attacking me verbally. I didn’t want to go home. We are now working toward a good marriage.” Shane, Mobile, AL

“Prior to coaching we thought we knew how to communicate, but it turned out we didn’t. The coaching led to great improvements. The coaches were very approachable. We thought we had communication skills, and a functional relationship. We couldn’t have been more wrong. We were heading for divorce. We are seeing amazing changes as we learn to understand and appreciate one another.” John, Vancouver, WA

“We thought we knew how to communicate, but we found out otherwise. We just thought the other person was being difficult. Coaching has helped our communication tremendously. The coaching process was very enlightening. I learned a lot about my husband. We can now discuss something that’s bothering us in a calm matter and get to the bottom of the problem more quickly.” Carol, Vancouver, WA

“I learned a lot about myself and about what a godly marriage is through this experience. There were a great many times I honestly thought our coaches were going to give up on us, but they were always there. Before coaching, our relationship was very hard and we felt lost. We were going in different directions and not understanding each other. Since coaching, we have been more loving and are working better together.” Stephanie, Springfield, OR

“I was quite reluctant when starting coaching but having completed it, I feel much better about our relationship and we have a good direction for the future. Our coaching experience was very productive. Before coaching we loved each other but really let the little things that bothered us rule over how much we care for each other. As a result of coaching, I feel closer to my wife and am excited about our future.” Jim, Oakland, OR

“My experience in coaching was awesome. Never would I have guessed that I would have enjoyed it so much. I would do it all over again. Our relationship before coaching was rocky. We were letting our pride get in the way. We are now much better at working out arguments. To improve your program, you should advertise more. People need to know how great it is!” Todd, Springfield, OR

“Our coaching experience was great. We enjoyed our sessions with our coaches; they both share similar personalities that we have --- so we were able to relate. Meetings were very productive and focused. They were also very flexible/accommodating with scheduling our meetings. Before coaching, I felt that we weren’t as connected as I would have liked us to be; we would both hold back expressing our feelings of how something affected us. Now, we are communicating better. We have a better understanding of each other and our individual personalities. We are learning how to work together through problem solving. We have learned tools on how to express our feelings towards each other without getting angry or upset.” April, Portland, OR