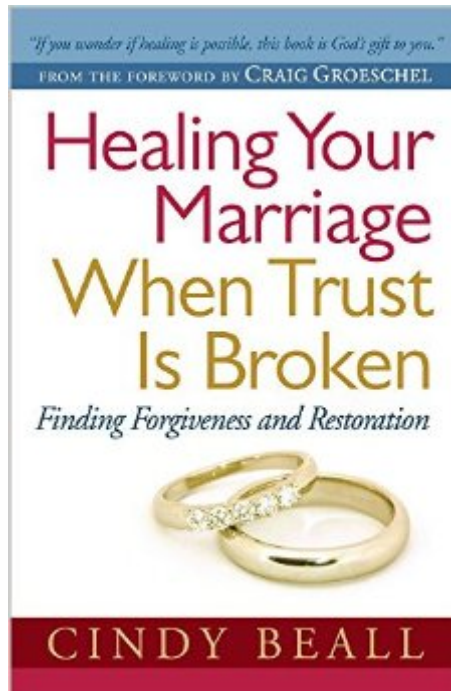


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# Healing Your Marriage When Trust Is Broken: Finding Forgiveness And Restoration



## Synopsis

A few days after an ordinary Valentine's Day, Cindy Beall's life changed forever. She listened with disbelief to her husband, Chris, a respected pastor, confess to pornography addiction, numerous affairs, and the startling news that a woman was pregnant with his child. With raw honesty and intimate knowledge of pain and of God's power to resurrect something new out of the debris of betrayal, Cindy reveals how to seek guidance, counseling, and prayer support when deceptions surface help the family heal from the grief and humiliation rebuild trust after porn, sex, and other addictions undermine a relationship protect a marriage from lies and unfaithfulness rely on God to pursue forgiveness and move forward in new promises Cindy's compassion, grasp of God's Word, and the Beall's remarkable story will help wives and husbands trust God with their broken hearts and follow His leading, hope, and redemption. Foreword by Craig Groeschel, bestselling author and senior pastor of LifeChurch.tv.

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## Customer Reviews

I thought I had ordered this book on my Kindle, but now I'm glad I accidentally ordered a hard copy, because I'm sure someday I'll need to pass it along to another hurting woman. It's an incredible resource to have! A couple of years ago I had a serious illness and was homebound for 10 weeks. In God's providence I found the online ministry of LifeChurch.tv, Worshiping with those people online was the lifeline that gave me hope that God would heal me and deliver me from the Oxycodone addiction resulting from my pain. God did exactly that, but by the time I got back to my normal self, LifeChurch had become an important part of my life, so I stayed and become a volunteer chat host

myself!! must admit, I was shocked when I first heard that a LifeChurch pastor had fallen so hard in the past, and I was amazed to find out his wife had forgiven him and that he had even been restored to ministry! I had been wanting to hear the whole story, especially how Cindy had received the child from the adultery as a brother to their children. That's pretty mind-boggling, you must admit. So many things about their story will stick with me: how humiliating it was for Cindy when they went to the Health Department to be tested for AIDS, the difficulty of walking into church and knowing that everyone knew their story, the awkwardness of explaining to their son why he had a brother who was not his mother's son, the courage of Craig Groschell and the LifeChurch community to stick with them through the restoration process, the provision of a couple to mentor them through it, etc. I have read Beth Moore's "When Godly People Do Ungodly Things," and I can see how that study, as well as the story of King David, are applicable. I'm sure that Satan intended to "take out" Chris permanently, and it's to the glory of God and the God-enabled grace extended by His people that this did not happen. This book is also helpful to me as I process grief from the hard things I have experienced, primarily the death of my beloved 3-year-old grandchild. Cindy gave the best treatment of grief I have ever read, making the book applicable to all of us who have experienced grief of any kind. I stopped reading the book in order to write this, so now back to the story! I just had to take a break to say thank you, Cindy! To God be the glory, great things he has done!! Kathy Hickey, Clarksville, Arkansas

This book was given to me by a dear friend shortly after I learned that my spouse had been unfaithful to me. I was hurting in a way that I had never known existed and desperate to find someone who could understand what I was going through. Cindy Beall was that person for me. This book was like finding an oasis in the desert. I found someone who not only experienced what I was going through, but had found hope and abundant grace through an amazing God who does not give up on us, or our marriages, even when things could not get worse. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who is walking this difficult path. It is an invaluable resource.

Experiencing the betrayal of infidelity by a spouse would be almost indescribably painful if not devastating. With compassion and empathy, Cindy Beall tells her personal story and also shares the testimonies of other couples who have experienced adultery in their own marriage. The strength of this book lies in its content that is easy to read and understand. On the other hand, there are several places where proof texting occurs and the author stretches the meaning of the Scripture referenced beyond its original intent. One example is in Chapter Three: "The Quest for Real

Answers, where Beall wrote about "Longing for a Word from God." She said, "I found myself asking God for more. I needed to hear from Him . . . to know His plans and His answers for me and for my family's future . . . [Beall visited a friend's church in San Antonio] I respected her pastor and just knew he'd be the one to tell me what God was leading me to do. . . [Instead there was a guest speaker that day] As the speaker concluded, he looked to a young woman on his left and said, 'I believe we have a word from God today.' She stood up with her Bible spread open in her hands and began to read: 'For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay' (Habakkuk 2:3) . . . My entire being was shaking as she read the verse . . . As I let it sink in, I wept profusely. Something inside me said there was something bigger ahead and that we would need patience to endure until it arrived. I walked out of that church a different woman " a woman filled with more hope." (Pages 38-39). Beall's candor and authenticity is to be appreciated. This reader will take her "piece of advice with a grain of salt" (Pages 143-144). I suggest adding two other books to your reading list. One is *Reconcilable Differences: Hope and Healing for Troubled Marriages* by Virginia Todd Holeman, and the other is *Forgiving and Reconciling* by Everett L. Worthington. These books also cover the facets of forgiving, healing and reconciling in relation to various transgressions, including infidelity.

I too faced an interruption in my marriage. I was desperate for words of comfort & healing. I begged God for the strength & help to move forward & forgive. Cindy's book aided in my healing. What a comfort! What a blessing! She walked with me & held my hand with every word. Thank you God, & thank you Cindy.

Everything Cindy said about her pain was exactly how I felt. Being in shock and grieving tremendously at the same time made it hard to explain my feelings to my husband. I would read paragraphs of this to him and see a lightbulb turned on in him of true empathy for me. After hearing things I would read aloud to him, he decided he wanted to read it after me. This book actually helped both of us to begin the healing process. If you are committed to God to restore you, regardless of if you stay in the marriage or go, read this book!

This book is an excellent book and I highly recommend it to anyone who is struggling with broken trust in their marriage. My favorite part of the book was the excerpts from other couples who had

experienced infidelity in their own marriages and how they overcame the heartache to build an even stronger marriage than before.

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