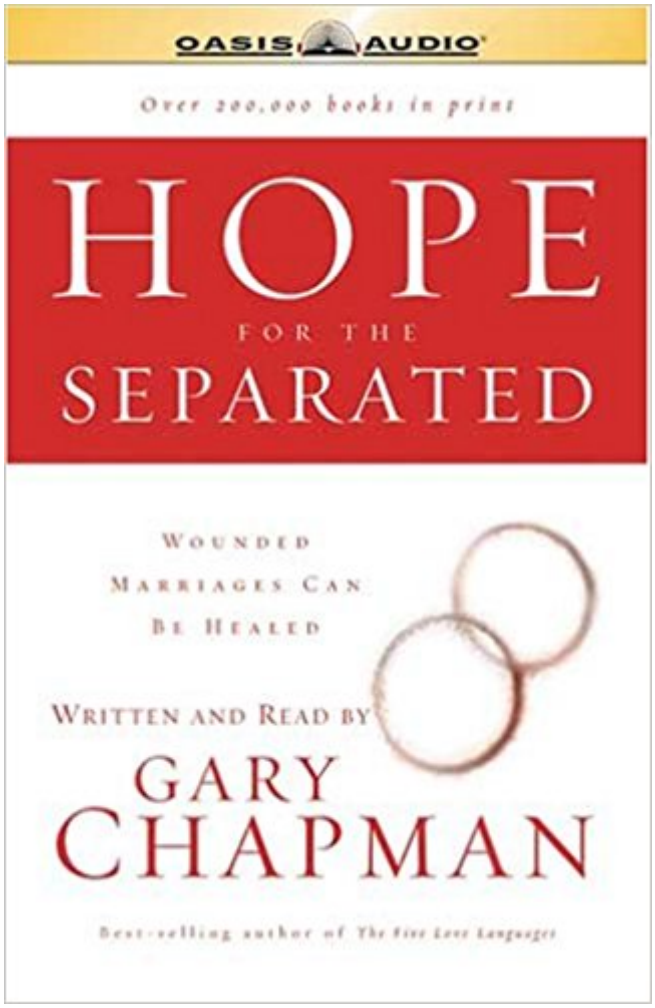
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Synopsis

You may not feel like reconciling. You may not see hope for a reunion. But the biblical ideal for a separated couple is reconciliation. So how do you do it? When doors slam and angry words fly, when things just arenÃ¢â ¬â„¢t working out, and even when your spouse is interested in someone else, there is hope. The Word of God is active and powerful. It offers the salve needed to heal lives, and that salve can heal marriages, too. Hope for the Separated will show you that by following the proven advice of GodÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Word you can achieve reconciliation with your mate. You can restore your marriage. Dr. Chapman deals with poignant issues such as: emotions, attitudes, and actions choosing to obey ways to improve communication learning to love loneliness the danger of retaliation dating while separated how to relate to your children during this time

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"Efforts to help marriages in trouble are hard to fault, especially when presented with the good-hearted intentions of an expert like Gary Chapman. His audio is a wise man’s overview of how to fix a broken marriage, especially when children are involved. Like his other relationship lessons, this one is grounded in the Christian faith, but it rises above the often trite and smug advice one hears from too many such authors. His voice and message are comforting as his rich baritone conveys his confidence in his ideas. This is a lesson that people of all levels of faith, stress, or disillusionment should hear."Ã Â T.W. Ã Â© AudioFile Portland, Maine

"Is your marriage worth fighting for?"If so, this book is for you.It takes a tremendous amount of

strength to overcome skepticism and weariness and begin the work of healing a broken marriage. But just taking a look at this book shows you have the heart of a fighter. In One More Try, Gary Chapman gives you the courage and confidence to move forward when your marriage is falling apart.One More Try will help you . . .Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â take the next step when blindsided in marriage;Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â discover healthy ways to manage frustration and anger;Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â effectively deal with loneliness;Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â renew hope and trust in your spouse; andÃ Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â rebuild your marriage from the ground up.The content of this book has been significantly revised and updated from its previous title Hope for the Separated. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I am thankful that Dr. Chapman took the time and had the courage to write this meticulously thoughtful and respectful book of advice for people seeking to reconcile a wounded, difficult marriage. He has a gift for writing complex ideas in clear, simple language and adds a deft dash of humor to make the reader smile. Best of all, Dr. Chapman conveys caring through his tone and becomes as a friend helping one cope with the grief of marital separation. His writing is prayerful, based on Scripture, his experience as a marriage counselor, his own marriage, and holds a strictly cautious balanced view of the challenges of marital reconciliation. Of several books I read, this is the best and I would highly recommend giving this book to newlyweds so when they encounter their first difficulties, or little separations, Dr. Chapman’s advice would encourage and guide them toward reconciliation. Dr. Chapman is a courageous, disciplined, gifted, spiritual thinker and writer of many books. Hope for the Separated has been very helpful to me.

I am currently separated from my wife and have been reviewing books to assist me in working through this transition (btw, highly recommend "Lost Love" from either gary chapman or Dr David Hawkins (cant remember which author). I wish there were more books that spoke directly to men where it wasnt assumed that they spent the marriage clueless, always working and ignoring their family, while the woman tirelessly raised the kids and finally gave up because the husband spent his free time golfing.While I am sure this happens, for a lot of men, this is not the case. Either write generically OR list better new real world scenarios, where the husband is told "I dont love you" and the wife holes herself up and refuses to engage the family, get a job, work on the relationship, etc. and subsequent shenanigans (draining bank accounts, using children as weapons, etc.). The man adds to his current duties and becomes the single parent.Speaking for myself and other men, I am

tired of TV, books, other people, etc. assuming the man is a bumbling idiot that golfed his family away. This, I believe has fueled a number of women into believing that they have to get out of a "horrible" relationship.That being said, I did like a number of the passages in the book (it has a Chritian view on marriage/separation/divorce) that I agree with (there is no reason for divorce), I especially liked an item on pg 90 that talked about tough love and the misconception of what that is. While the example roles were reversed (see why I am upset above), the wife put up with her husband (who refused to get a job or help ut around the house, etc. in addition to his other nacissistic behavior). The wife put up with the behavior for years. The husband kept taking advantage of the "new normal" and pushed the envelope on his bad bahavior. The wife got to her breaking point and cut him off with the understanding that she will not "take him back" until he straightened up.This example helped me make certain financial decision with my wife to move towards 1 of 3 solutions:1)reconciliation2)divorce3)becoming self sufficient (get a job) and live as roommates until #1 or #2 occurOutsiders would say that I was being harsh, however, the author talks through how this is tough love with the ultimate goal of the spouses happiness. Obviously they are miserable, but stay for convenience until a later date. Eroding the family further because they refuse to make thing better.It has a good amount of scripture in it and also views marriage as I do (no cause for divorce), but prepares you for that reality.All in all a good book, but recommend the Lost Love book.

no one knows how everything will end up working out in the end... free will and all... this book has a lot of religion to it but does offer some advice on different ways to look at and go about things... if you are reading this book then obviously the way you have looked at things previously maybe were not the best way... im not saying this book has the ability to give you the best way to look at things but a different way cant hurt any more than what youve already tried...

This book has brought new hope into what felt at times like a hopeless situation. How could a marriage of over 30 years fail all of the sudden....well, it’s wasn’t all of the sudden! We were missing tools that we needed to effectively communicate without harm or fear. When those tools are missing, we end up in woundedness and rejection.Gary Chapman is an excellent author; I plan on buying many more of his books. This is a quick read, but one you’ll want to keep on your shelf for ongoing reference as you work through RECONCILIATION with your estranged spouse.

This book does a wonderful job of letting a person know that there IS HOPE.I worked through this

book, however my (former) spouse did not. After my 6 year journey of trying to "fix" and "save" my marriage I have discovered it takes BOTH to do so. One person cannot do it.If you are separated - this book is worth the purchase even if your spouse is not open to it (although it'd work better if they were)There are very few books out there for those separated. The "Church" seems to write a couple off as divorced once they separate. They shouldn't do that....this book does help show how separation CAN work for good and better a marriage before it goes to court.

This is a great book filled with guidelines for not giving up hope in your marriage even though separated. Notes on taking the "beam out of your own eye" by taking a long hard look at how your own attitude and behaviors contributed to the breakdown of your marriage. I do wish Dr. Chapman had emphasized a bit more that seeking reconciliation is not just because you love your spouse but first and foremost because of what a marriage Covenant means - how sacred and binding that Covenant is between you, your spouse, and God. Overall it does give practical application and help on what to do for yourself while you are praying and waiting for reconciliation.

I appreciate Dr. Chapman's writing and found this book helpful. I wanted to point out that there is a newer version of this book. It was "significantly revised" and republished under a new title "One More Try." If I had known this, I would have bought the newer edition.Ã Â One More Try: What to Do When Your Marriage Is Falling Apart

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