

FAMILY TO FAMILIES MINISTRY

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A MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION, HEALING, AND RESTORATION (2 CORINTHIANS 5:18)

A BRIEF BACKGROUND

Patrick holds a B.A. degree in Philosophy. In addition to four years of theological studies, he also holds an M.A. degree with a double major in Counseling Psychology and Social Psychology. Trained as a Psychotherapist, Patrick has taught all aspects of Psychology and Sociology at both the high school and college levels.

Along with his academic background, Patrick has extensive experience in non-academic settings. He has held several executive positions in organizations and has served as an officer or member of several boards.

Patrick specializes in organizational psychology and dispute resolution. He provides advice and training on issues related to servant leadership, interpersonal relations, organizational effectiveness, and communications. A professional mediator, he has over 125 hours of training in family, business, and civil mediation and offers consultation and training in conflict resolution and mediation services. He has written several books and has edited many articles for others.

Penny holds a B.S. degree in Education. She is an educator, photographer, artist, and writer. Formerly a high school teacher and community college instructor, she has worked as a classroom, homebound, and alternative classroom teacher and has done private tutoring. Her counsel is sought by both men and women.

Patrick and Penny have ministered together since their marriage in 1974. Three children and seven grandchildren have given them a wealth of experience.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID

“Family to Families has, in my estimation, a balanced and necessary ministry for the healing and proper establishment of families. I would recommend them to you for whatever age group ministry you may have need of.” -Senior Pastor

“Thank you for being a positive role model. I have looked for couples whom I would consider to have a marriage that would be an example to other couples. (I) want to thank the two of you for letting the love and power of the Holy Spirit of God show through your lives and, most of all, your marriage.” -Family Life Pastor

BEING MARRIED IN A CHURCH....

...DOESN'T MAKE A MARRIAGE CHRISTIAN!

A fully **Christian** marriage means making Jesus Christ the third party to, as well as the Head and Heart of, the relationship. The **CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDING RETREAT** is designed to help you ground your marriage relationship solidly on the Word of God made flesh (John 1:14). It is important for you to center your married life squarely on Jesus, the Lord. This retreat is intensive and is only for you if you are serious about wanting a truly God-honoring marriage. The material is challenging to the *status quo* yet recognizes the true dignity of both men and women. The cost is **\$45 per couple** and includes a workbook. Topics included are:

The CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDING RETREAT offers practical scriptural, psychological, and behavioral principles for establishing a strong and happy Christian marriage and family.

SESSION I ON WHAT FOUNDATION?

By the end of this session, each participant will have

- ❑ Learned that the only true foundation of his/her personal and married life is Jesus Christ
- ❑ Evaluated whether or not he/she has established his/her personal life on this Foundation
- ❑ Decided whether or not to commit or recommit his/her will and life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ
- ❑ Explored methods of taking responsibility for himself/herself and his/her actions
- ❑ Discovered how his/her beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors have been influenced
- ❑ Honestly explored values, needs, and goals with God and with himself/herself
- ❑ Set goals with the Lord
- ❑ Learned seven Scriptural foundations of a healthy self-image in Christ

SESSION II IS THE STRUCTURE SOUND?

By the end of this session, each participant will have

- ❑ Discovered the order and pattern of the Christian family
- ❑ Learned that authority, love, and mutual service, properly understood, are the key ingredients that hold the Christian family together
- ❑ Learned Scriptural principles, attitudes, and goals in his/her relationship toward his/her spouse and children
- ❑ Evaluated where he/she presently stands in relation to Scriptural principles, attitudes, and goals

SESSION III *WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?*

By the end of this session, each man will have

- Discovered 16 steps toward effective spiritual leadership in his family
- Learned how to love his wife by
 - developing a relationship with God
 - building his home on peace
 - valuing Godly wisdom
 - letting God work in and through him
 - receiving God's promises to him
 - accepting his wife the way she is
 - being content with where God has him
 - admitting his constant need for forgiveness

By the end of this session, each woman will have

- Learned how to respect her husband by
 - developing a relationship with God
 - being a good wife
 - being an exemplary mother
 - being a good homemaker
 - developing creative talents and interests
 - reaching out to others
 - valuing Godly wisdom
 - letting God work in and through her
 - receiving God's promises to her
 - accepting her husband the way he is
 - being content with where God has her
 - admitting her constant need for forgiveness

By the end of this session, both spouses will have

- Explored additional ways to enhance their chance of a marriage as God intended it
- Explored conflict areas that often need to be settled in any marriage
- Learned some ground rules for resolving marital conflicts

SESSION IV *KIDS AND THEIR TRAINING*

By the end of this session, each participant will have

- Discovered the Scriptural basis for his/her responsibilities toward his/her children
- Discovered Scriptural principles for proper discipline
- Learned several effective parent leadership skills
- Discovered what God's Word has to say to children and youth

- ❑ Learned Christian principles for preparing a strong, enduring marriage
- ❑ Discovered some principles for making new friends and finding a potential mate

SESSION V *CLEANING OUT THE COBWEBS*

By the end of this session, each participant will have

- ❑ Learned the importance of forgiveness to a healthy Christian marriage and laid the groundwork for necessary reconciliation, healing, and restoration of relationships.

CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDING RETREAT SCHEDULE

Friday

7:00	Registration and Orientation
7:30	Session I

Saturday

9:00	Session II
11:00	Session III
1:00	Lunch
2:30	Session IV
4:30	Session V
5:00	Celebration of Reconciliation

CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDING RETREAT FEES

Christian Homebuilding Retreat - \$45 per couple (includes workbook)

10% of tuition fees will be rebated to sponsoring couple, church, group, or organization. Retreat sponsor fees are waived.

Round Trip Air Fare for 2. Alternately, 50 cents per mile round trip gas allowance if within 300 miles.

\$100 per day food and lodging expenses unless provided in a home.

ALTERNATIVE: Order a copy of *Christian Homebuilding for Men* and *Christian Homebuilding for Women* and work through the material together. It is self-paced, so you can take your time. Go to www.noissehpublishing.com and click on the cover.

Pastors, this is an excellent resource to use in preparing couples for marriage. It covers everything they need to understand what a truly *Christian* marriage requires.

APPLICATION/REGISTRATION

We are interested in ___ hosting _____ attending a CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDING RETREAT to be held

On _____

At _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Contact _____

_____ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$45.

_____ Our fee is waived for organizing and hosting this retreat.

Please return completed Application/Registration to Retreat Host or to;

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