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through marital infidelity in Christian homes*

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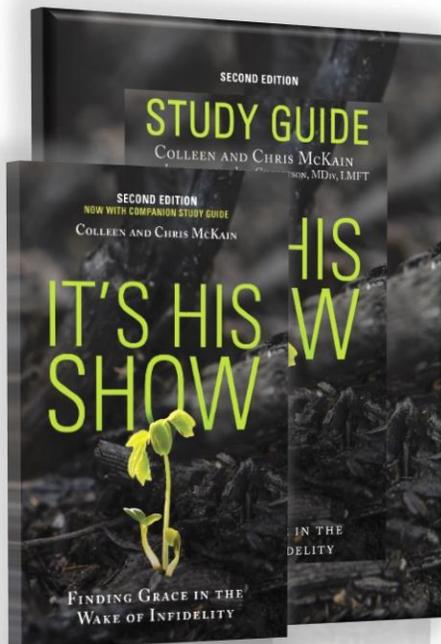
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COLLEEN AND CHRIS MCKAIN share with brutal honesty the truth about a subject rarely discussed: the struggle within Christian marriages in America. What happened in the McKains lives was a common story that plays out in home after home, every day, regardless of a couple's faith. When marriage gets hard, you cut your losses and start over, right? Yet, their story begins where most such tragedies end.

Written from Colleen's perspective with revealing insights from Chris, **IT'S HIS SHOW** chronicles with painful honesty and wry humor the path that led the McKains to the darkest period of their lives, and the amazing and majestic power of God that brought them through it--together.

This is not a tell-all book. Nor is it just a cautionary tale, a feel-good story, a counseling process, nor an easy read. This is tough stuff, a captivating and intense read, intertwined with a powerful message of hope. Regardless of where you are in your marriage, IT'S HIS SHOW may just reveal to you some truths about your own foundation, or point you in the direction of health, of restoration, of the fullness and richness everyone hopes for in their relationship, not just with each other, but with God Himself.

ENDORSEMENTS, REVIEWS, SUGGESTED QUESTIONS AND EXCERPTS FOLLOW



MORE ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF IT'S HIS SHOW

THE MISSION OF IT'S HIS SHOW: The McKains are quick to recognize everyone's story is different, but they also know as humans we are all tripped up by the most basic things, and they were no exception. Through the up-and-down journey of their marriage, Chris and Colleen McKain have learned to trust God more fully. It is their desire that God would use their faith and failures to point others to the One True God who is always faithful and never fails. AFTER ALL, IT'S HIS SHOW!

Colleen and Chris have spoken to many groups about the story of redemption God wrote in their lives. Through their speaking ministry, they love to give hope to couples who are hurting, and insight to those who have "the terrible problem of having no problem at all." This May 18, 2017 they were featured on [The 700 Club](#), and want to go wherever God leads them on the journey of sharing their story.

For those individuals or groups who wish to go deeper, *It's His Show* offers a study guide suitable for individuals, counselors, or small group discussion, to be released Summer 2017.

MORE ABOUT COLLEEN AND CHRIS MCKAIN Chris and Colleen were married on October 12, 1985, soon after high school. Over the next twenty-plus years, their family grew to include three God-fearing sons, each of whom grew up and married strong Christian women, planning to begin their families early in life, just as their parents had.

To friends at church and in the community, the McKains seemed to "have it all together." They ran a successful construction business, were involved in leading Bible studies and other ministries at church and throughout the community, were the picture of health, and by all appearances seemed happy and fully committed to the Lord, their marriage and family.

From the inside, though, their relationship was in trouble. After more than twenty years of marriage, many issues had begun eroding their foundation, warring against their hearts, sliding in-between them, unnoticed by all, including their closest friends. Even those who knew them best could not speak to them about—the unthinkable.

BUT THIS IS A STORY ABOUT REDEMPTION; ABOUT FINDING GRACE IN THE WAKE OF INFIDELITY. THIS IS A STORY ABOUT GOD.

Currently Chris and Colleen McKain live and attend church near Louisville, Kentucky. They continue to run their homebuilding and remodeling business together, and as of this publication have eight grandchildren.

Colleen loves pursuing fitness, gathering with friends and family and serving in the ministry of Community Bible Study[®]. Chris is an outdoorsman and enjoys hunting and other sports with his sons. One of their favorite pastimes is vacationing with each other and with their family.

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IT'S HIS SHOW ENDORSEMENTS AND REVIEWS

"I was so encouraged by Chris and Colleen McKain's book! You will be too. What a great story of transformation in both their lives and their marriage! We pray that those who read It's His Show will be transformed as well, and that their story will be replicated in the lives of many others."

Dave Stone

Senior Pastor, Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY

"You will be encouraged greatly by reading this story of God's miraculous restoration of Chris and Colleen's marriage, all to God's glory. Indeed, my prayer would be, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13). Remember, nothing is impossible for our Lord!"

Camilla L. Seabolt

Former Executive Director of Community Bible Study

"Relationships are filled with moments of joy and blessing, as well as moments of challenge and even pain. Too often when faced with the challenges and pain we tend to dissolve the relationship and try to move on. In It's His Show, Chris and Colleen have shown us a better way. God is always working toward reconciliation and restoration, and in this book we see that it is not only possible, it is better."

Rev. Scott E. Wilson

DMin United Methodist Pastor, Elder in Kentucky Annual Conference UMC



"I am reading it a second time and have shared it with a friend...so good!"

Marilyn OShea

"Colleen and Chris's story is raw, real, and resonates with so many families struggling to find their way back to a Christ-centered foundation. I loved the book."

Patty Sears

"Wow!! What a great read...I plan to share with a good friend of mine who is struggling with his marriage right now. My absolute favorite part of the book was "If God is in it things can be different. If God is in it, it's worth fighting for...truly amazing and uplifting literature."

Shawn Garmon

"...beautifully and well thought out... This book definitely lays out a path that others can follow to do the necessary work."

Vicki Hartlage

"Your book made me look at things in a whole new way... It softened my heart in how I will now look at others when their human faults and the devil's grip has a hold of them."

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IT'S HIS SHOW SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

1. By writing this book, aren't you opening your marriage and yourselves up to criticism and judgment? Why put yourselves in that position? How has this journey affected your friendships? Your relationships within your church?
2. You mention in IT'S HIS SHOW that you went to marriage counseling, and recommend professional help to readers in the front of the book. Are you still in counseling? What does/did counseling do for you? Describe some of the steps you went through in counseling.
3. Colleen, you mention people's concern with the shortness of time it took you to find your way back to each other after your separation, reminding the reader that the entire episode lasted four long years. Even now, the period of your restoration began just five years ago. Do you still find yourself on guard today? Is there ever a time when couples can and should let their guard down?
4. Chris, pornography is a very common infiltrator in couples' intimate relationships today, a form of infidelity in itself. Did pornography enter into your marriage, lead to infidelity with other women, or did any previous exposure to sexually explicit material in your youth have any impact on your behavior? If so, how do you overcome that influence today?
5. You each would agree you are decidedly different people now than before this period of your marriage, so a similar question to both of you:
 - a. Colleen, speaking to Christian wives, what role did traditional expectations and Biblical interpretation of the role of the wife play in your vulnerability to this type of break-down in your marriage? Do you now think of the wife's role differently, and if so, how do you reconcile this? What would you say to Christian wives to help them find their voice in their marriage?
 - b. Chris, speaking to Christian husbands, what role did traditional expectations and Biblical interpretation of the role of the husband play in your vulnerability to this type of break-down in your marriage? Do you now think of the husband's role differently, and, if so, how do you reconcile this? What would you say to Christian husbands to help them rethink their responsibilities in their marriage?
6. You have three sons, all now married, and you have eight grandchildren. Have you spoken with them about the impact this period of your lives had on them personally, and how it has affected their attitudes toward their own marriages? Describe their responses throughout this period.
7. Today's lifestyle is so busy, even within church life, that it becomes more and more difficult to cultivate friendships where couples are vulnerable and accountable to each other; yet we all know the value of strong fellowship with other believers. Would you describe yourselves as isolated from other couples in the years leading up to and during this period, and if so, what role do you think this played in your marriage? What about today?
8. You each point to pride as one of the stumbling blocks of your marriage. Looking back, what advice can you give to couples who say, "that would never happen to us"?



EXCERPTS FROM IT'S HIS SHOW

EXCERPT 1 – Chapter 5: “Seriously?”

[The first affair] ended almost as quickly as it started, and with mutual resolve, we achieved a degree of healing. We pledged to make this thing work, mostly through personal determination and with only our own feeble strength. I did not want our children to find out about this because I didn't want them to be hurt. So we kept it quiet. This seems to be the norm as people try to muddle through this uncharted ground. Recovering from an affair does not need to include a public announcement, but we made the mistake of not seeking a Godly counselor to guide us through this very difficult time and into complete healing. I told no one. Remember, I'm private (or prideful, to be honest). I did not tell one soul.



EXCERPT 2 – Chapter 6: “Good Riddance”

The first day of July, 2012, was a bad day. My repeated hopes and dreams had been dashed. The only good news was that everyone now knew and there was no more hiding the truth. Yes, I said good news. True, it was painful for our dirty laundry to be aired to all, but on the other hand, it was cleansing. It was good to not have to deal with the secrets of covering things up. That is where true healing begins. All of our kids were gathered at the house as usual that Sunday afternoon. Chris confessed to the entire family what had been happening in his life for the past few years. They witnessed Chris gather up his things and head out the door with his suitcase. Good riddance, I always say. In the words of Truman in the 1998 movie *The Truman Show*, “Oh, and in case I don't see you, good afternoon, good evening, and goodnight.”



EXCERPT 3 – Chapter 7: “Breathe”

Kirk is a godly man who pulled up alongside Chris. He counseled him all week, listened to Chris, prayed with him, and encouraged him. Kirk gave Chris relevant articles and provided constant wisdom. He prepared pertinent Bible studies that they did together every morning. Kirk knew there was only one source of healing for Chris: God's Word. And he was right. Chris was being transformed by God's Word, which had been dead to him for so long.

On Tuesday, July 3, during their first morning Bible study, Kirk knew that Chris was overwhelmed with pain and anguish. Even though God was the surgeon, this open heart surgery was proving to be extremely painful. Chris's pain was visibly noticeable to Kirk. Kirk quietly reached across the table for the notepad on which Chris was making notes. He pulled it to his side of the table. Kirk proceeded to write a single word, a word that still impacts Chris to this day. Tears flowed down Chris's face as he saw Kirk's pen write on the page. Kirk carefully wrote the word *breathe*.



EXCERPT 4 – Chapter 12: “Whatever”

Several weeks after Chris moved out, I was with some of my close friends. We were talking about my current situation. One of them genuinely and lovingly said, “I am so sorry that you have to go through this.” And she was truly sorry about it. I have said similar things to friends in tough spots. I so appreciated those kind words. Those were good and tender words. But I had to honestly say, “I am not sorry. God is doing a mighty work. If this is what it took to bring Chris around, I will go through it. Whatever. I will fight any battle God sends my way. I will go anywhere God says to go. Wherever. I will walk through a fire with him.” And the crazy thing was, I meant it. But that kind of resolve, “*whatever*” resolve, is something that God places in us. It is not of me. It is from God alone. Walking through a fire with God is the most glorious place to be. I would rather walk through a fire with God than through the most comfortable imaginations of my heart without him.