

Shepherds Care Publishing

Mission Statement: It is our goal to publish literary works that will bring glory to God and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ, by producing books and articles which reveal the truth about God's love for us in Jesus Christ and the power of that love to bring hope and healing.

Author / Publisher Biography:

Michael E. Chalberg is pastor and cofounder of Shepherd's Care Ministries based in San Leandro, CA. He offers 3 primary areas of ministry; Christian Church Renewal as an Intentional Interim Pastor & Consultant, Pastoral Counseling & Mentoring over the Internet and privately, and building Community Outreaches as modeled by our Hope Connections Outreach. He has worked in the interim ministry for 12 years offering renewal and healing to troubled and dying communities of faith as a pastor & consultant using conflict resolution, leadership training, restoration of Biblical Disciplines, instruction in spiritual warfare and deliverance ministry, and establishing prayer teams as the foundation for all church ministries to support a laity-empowered church for ministering to the broken-hearted of the world. He has been in ministry for 29 years.

The past 11 years he has specialized in pastoral counseling to survivors of ritual abuse; victims of Clergy Abuse, sexual abuse, Satanic Ritual Abuse and other abuse resulting in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Dissociative Identity Disorder (a.k.a. MPD) and other trauma induced issues. Some of his clients within the Oakland Diocese gave permission to publish their spiritual journeys of healing with him in a series of books entitled, "*Shattered People: Journeys to Joy... Love... Hope... Peace.*" Their stories include his commentary as counselor, pastor, friend and fellow traveler. This aspect of ministry includes Shepherds Care Publishing for providing education to survivors and those who are care-givers to them, and the promotion of building house churches as the base for providing care through the body of Christ as a "church without walls" in a global community.

He began a free counseling service as an extension of the counseling ministry in 2005, to include an Internet chat room two nights a week reaching an international audience in need of counseling for ritual abuse. Here, both survivors of ritual abuse and the people who treat them, can come together for the *soul* purpose of learning about God's methods of bringing about spiritual healing in the midst of spiritual warfare...alongside of the SCM staff and fellow survivors on their healing journeys. He provides a 'virtual' church atmosphere. Topics discussed include personal histories and experiences in the healing process, exorcism, spiritual warfare, deliverance ministry and the development of spiritual gifts to name a few. Private counseling is given as well via emails, private chat rooms, phone and ...video conferencing (in the future.)

He and his wife, Carol (SCM cofounder), are graduates of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. He has a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Care and Counseling while Carol has a Master of Arts in Theology. He is a member of the Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists (ATSS) and trained as a responder for group crisis intervention and critical incident stress management to rescue workers and survivors of disasters. He is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors (ACSS), the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. (ICISF), Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS), and Titus Task Force International (TTFI), an intentional interim pastor training and mentoring organization out of Bakersfield, CA.

From the Author:

I have two primary audiences that I want to reach; whole communities of families broken by severe abuse of varying types - including clergy abuse & SRA, which can assault a community for generations, especially the individual survivors; all are in need of healing in their relationship with God. The professionals who treat them: counselors, pastors, priests, psychologists, laity and family members who offer care and assistance in their recovery, can receive direct assistance as well. My goal is to help clergy, laity and Christian professionals learn how to enter the arena of deep spiritual warfare existing around anyone affected by ritual abuse...particularly SRA, and how to do so without fear of entering the spiritual arenas many believe they are not 'gifted' to enter.

I write about the truth of people's relationship to God, how it is broken by abuse, and the healing process needed to rebuild that relationship. As God reveals His methods of healing using human relationships... traditional and historical concepts of God are challenged. People will learn how serving God in broken relationships will rarely leave them in a comfortable 'Christian' environment without daily challenges. How evil intervenes in our life to disrupt our relationship with God is also clearly presented in practical examples of its subtle ways of keeping Christians unaware of the spiritual battles raging around us and inside the church. I am available for speaking and teaching on the subjects covered in these books to survivor groups, churches and schools.

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Additional Reviews of both published books:

BookWireReview.com January 31, 2005 – Journeys to Joy – Book One

"Shattered People" is a magnificent account of the ability of God's spiritual healing powers in restoring individuals who have suffered a lifetime of abuse. These incredible true stories of individuals suffering from Multiple Personality Disorder, portrays their struggle of finding hope and healing through their search for God. It reveals God's redeeming love and power, and His ability to heal and give hope to people engulfed by their tragedy and grief. The book depicts His desire for people to love one another in this world and His ability to conquer forces of evil that attempt to harm and hinder that love.

Michael E. Chalberg has weighed a variety of psychological perspectives and biases that are a part of the troubled lives of these people. The journeys of these individuals assert the power and capability of God's love over evil practices and spread a message of hope to all those who feel unable to explore what it means to be a Christian. Chalberg, who is a pastor, has laced the book with quotes from the Bible. This book is disturbing, poignant, powerful and a treasury of spiritual experiences.

Dr. Lindsay Malcolm, April 27, 2003 – Journeys to Joy – Book One

"Shattered People" brings home the spiritual and relational devastation of lives torn by emotional, physical, sexual and spiritual abuse. It is a magnificent exposition of the spiritual dimensions of mental health...This is an amazing story of the healing power

of Jesus Christ in mending the unmendable and using the brokenness of one willing servant to bring hope to a multitude. It speaks eloquently of the compassion that Jesus has for the wounded and His ability to bring wholeness, as He defines it, in the midst of tragedy and pain. It invites one on a roller coaster journey, from gut-wrenching horror to hilarious laughter, but it is primarily a message of hope and encouragement to all who feel broken. The story is powerful and gripping, painful and delightful; and as a true story will challenge the reader to live up to all it means to call one self a Christian.

Dr. Lindsay Malcolm, February 12, 2005 – *Journeys to Love - Book Two*

In his first book, *Shattered People: Journeys to Joy*, Michael Chalberg began the amazing true story of one woman's journey out of darkness. Now, in this sequel, he continues to chronicle the lives of the personalities locked in Maria's body, as they search for healing and meaning in a world that does not accept them. One's perspective on the meaning of suffering cannot remain unchanged after reading this book.

Journeys to Love lays open the emotional, physical and spiritual reality of Maria's personalities, and their conflicts both internally and externally. Maria's fight to save her marriage – against all that seems reasonable – will challenge one's concepts of commitment; her innocent attempts to involve a wealthy suburban church in serving the poor will nourish the soul.

Mariann's quest to be seen and accepted for who she is will wrench the heart; her abilities to see into the spirit-world will alter one's perception of what is real; her passion to worship Jesus with unfettered love will convict the heart. As the System battles the physical effects of chemotherapy, they continue their spiritual battle as well against forces that would draw parts back into the Santeria and hinder the healing that Jesus is bringing to their lives. Throughout, one is called to rethink both what it means to be a Christian and who we are as individual souls.

Dr. Joe Johnson, Grace Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach, CA – May 2005

Journeys to Love is for every kind of reader. The continuing history of Maria, diagnosed with Multiple Personality Disorder, provides a detailed study of a client whose personalities mature separately and learn to pull together through caring counsel and trusting relationships with Pastor Chalberg and his team. Maria endures a long journey of pain...never pretending to be strong, yet exhibiting strength as all personalities cooperate to build health, career and relationships.

On another level, this book is a parable of truth, which instructs and challenges the individual, family groups and even the church. One can relate as various personalities sacrifice their own preferences for the sake of wholeness and unity. There is powerful wisdom about respect in relationships and loving God in a passionate, but practical way.

Finally, it is a good story: full of unthinkable struggle, tenacious love, and unexpected humor. It illustrates Jesus' words: "*Beware that you don't despise a single one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven are always beholding the face of My Father.*" (Matthew 18:10)

BookWire Review – May 17, 2005 – Journeys to Love

Michael E. Chalberg's "*Shattered People: Journeys to Love*" is the second book in a series that deals with how a pastor helped victims of drug abuse, multiple personality disorder, alcoholism, clergy abuse, sexual abuse and Satanism. Chalberg started a ten-year program to help such victims. This book describes the third, fourth and fifth year in the program. In this book Chalberg describes how victims are misunderstood by almost everyone and how they slowly realize the infinite love of God and move on to a better life.

Chalberg puts forth pertinent questions regarding human civilization: Are the peoples' misdeeds a reflection of the society that they are living in? Are people capable of living in a society that promotes, even encourages, such offenses as drug abuse and alcoholism? Is the Church doing enough to negate these disturbing influences of society upon people? These questions do not have easy answers and Chalberg does not attempt to answer them. However, his actions, as they are portrayed in the book, demonstrate God's infinite love for all people and his belief that with adequate support, people are capable of living in an evil world. These actions speak louder than any words possibly could.

The book tells the stories of people who have experienced the horrors of this world and were scarred by the experience. However, these victims dare to fight the problems created by society. Though at the end of the book the victims have not yet emerged victorious in their quest, the book still confirms that people are capable of facing all their difficulties if they believe in God. As a member of the Protestant Church, Chalberg critiques what he perceives as a lack of a support system in the Catholic Church. However, this criticism is a minor point in the book in comparison to the selfless service in the name of Christianity that is being given to these shattered people. Chalberg's book is an inspiration to all.

Dr. Sean Anderson, San Ramon, CA – November 2005

Shattered People series: Journeys to Joy and Journeys to Love

These books are quite the emotional ride. Pastor Chalberg demonstrates courage and dedication to shine light into some of life's darkest corners. Bound to create controversy, these are stories of pain and despair; rebirth and the struggle to find love and joy in a world of confusion and suffering. We read of the individual journeys which lead to spiritual healing through God's mercy, which challenge, and perhaps changes our ideas of our spirituality before God.

I believe this is Pastor Chalberg's greatest intent. He wants to challenge us with self-reflection of our own spirituality, through understanding the difficulties we witness in other people's lives. For this exact reason, these books are heavy with emotion and involved reading. They will definitely change the way you perceive others, the way you perceive yourself and the way you perceive your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Book Descriptions:

ISBN 0974646407 (Paperback) & ISBN 0974646415 (Hardcover) *Shattered People: Journeys to Joy* - Book One; Published April 2003. Revision & workbook coming.



Journeys to Joy chronicles the first two years in 10, of a journey to find and know the truth about God's love from God Himself. Learn how these people break free of the abusive control maintained over their lives and memories by people and priests who came in the name of God and claim to be acting under His authority. These remarkable true stories follow an individual with MPD, a survival mechanism initiated by a lifetime of abuse, struggling to find spiritual healing and 'wholeness' through the unconditional love of Jesus.

Recorded in the words of those experiencing them, some of life's hardest issues are investigated, illustrated and documented in these books.; spiritual warfare, clergy abuse, Satanic Ritual Abuse, evil in everyday life, spiritual healing and the reality of the power of the kingdom of God at work in and around us. How God chooses to reveal His love and power while confronting evil, in the midst of their pain and suffering through forgiveness, mercy and truth... will challenge your concepts of Him and His love.

“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.’ Jeremiah 29:11

ISBN 0974646431(Paperback) & ISBN 097464644X (Hardcover) *Shattered People: Journeys to Love* – Book Two, Published March 2005.



Journeys to Love continues the saga of people being healed after a lifetime of abuse, as they discover and accept the truth about God's love. Walk beside them over the next three years as they begin to learn the reasons for their survival and why God said to them;

“I will love you with an everlasting love and I will heal you. Your wholeness will be found in Me...not as the world understands wholeness, but as I give it. You will remain a multiple for My purposes because each of you will have a testimony to give about My power to heal and receive all who come to Me.”

These people will struggle through life's most imposing questions facing all of us. What is God's definition of a person: body, mind, soul and spirit? Does the soul exist in two dimensions simultaneously and live beyond the body's death? Why does God save them, only to allow them to continue to suffer physically, emotionally and spiritually in this world? Why is evil so adamant in attempting to break their relationship with God? Can they trust God enough to survive in a world that doesn't accept their realities in life?

ISBN 0974646466 (Paperback) & ISBN 0974646474 (Hardcover) – *Shattered People: Journeys to Hope* - Book Three (Due out June 2006)

Journeys to Hope follows the System through some of the most difficult part of their journey, and through some of the more miraculous adventures as well, in this third book of the set in the *Shattered People:* series. As you race with them through the next three years of their 10 year journey of healing, discover with them why they have hope in the knowledge that the journey isn't finished. See how finding answers to the toughest questions of life can create more questions, as well as the joy of being certain that God will answer them, as soon as we are ready and able to hear them. Learn with us this truth;

***“Jesus said to them, “With men this is impossible,
But with God all things are possible.”***

You will learn with us the practical reality of an old excuse that says; “Be patient... God isn't finished with me yet.” Read how the Age of Miracles isn't over until God is finished with us. Discover how evil can only control as much of our lives as we allow those spiritual forces to have dominion over us. See how these journeys of suffering, brokenness and heartache begin to look toward the finish of this endurance race with a hope based in reality of being crowned by Jesus... our Dragonslayer.

Shattered People: Journeys to Peace – Book Four Due out this winter!

Journeys to Peace concludes this first set of the **Shattered People: series**. Come with the System as they experience the awesome power of God's healing love, as they find peace within life's difficult journey. Laugh, weep, struggle and feel the contentment of walking with the presence of God, as He unfolds His plans for them and like their stories before them, they each begin to bring healing to many shattered people.