

## Shattered People Series title information page

Journeys to Joy is 2 1/2 years of 16 in a journey to know truth of God's love. They sought spiritual healing & wholeness from Satanic Abuse controlling their lives and memories, from people & priests who claimed to be acting under God's authority.

***Journeys to Joy-Revised*** follows the first 2 1/2 years of 16, of a journey to find and know the truth about God's love directly 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 Multiple Personality Disorder, 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 persons' 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. As the author of this series and a pastor & counselor specializing in spiritual issues I include a running commentary of their journey as a clinical study of their journey with their first counselor and then with me. I include definitions of terms used for understanding the care given then and what we learn together about God's love, healing, plans and will for all of His children. 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.

Our purposes together in these books is not to focus on understanding their experiences, my understanding of them or their "disorders", but to help all those going through similar struggles in search of hope and healing to see and hear how Jesus responds to their needs and why... to know that God in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. While this book covers 2 1/2 years, the second book ***Journeys to Love*** covers the next 4 years. I am updating the information shared in the prefaces and prologues of both books to include new understanding of these issues learned over the next 24 years of my counseling relationships with hundreds of clients/ friends and their journeys to understand who God is and why He loves them...and why they can trust Him. They are autobiographical in nature in the series ***Loved Back to Life*** being released in May 2020. Our hope with this new series is the same as with the Shattered People Series that our readers will have more opportunities to know and trust our Heavenly Father's ongoing and unconditional love for them.

"For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

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facing all of us. What is God's definition of a person: body, mind, soul and spirit? Does the soul exist in two dimensions at the same time and live beyond death of the physical body? 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 in Jesus Christ? Can they trust God enough to survive in a world that doesn't accept them?

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## **Shattered People Reviews Books 1 & 2**

### **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 and Literature. 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.

### **BookReview.com, Monona, WI, June 16, 2003 Shattered People: Journeys to Joy**

Chalberg, a pastor and cofounder of Shepherd's Care Ministries, had a definite purpose in writing this book. He intends to suggest ways in which we can find the real God for ourselves by exposing the inadequate conceptions of God, which prevent us from seeing Him. He comprehensively accomplishes just that as he writes about a woman with Multiple Personality Disorder (DID). He gives a complete history and profile of more than 66 personalities that make up the system of this individual, and he allows the personalities to tell their own stories in their own words, as they come to know God through Jesus. Chalberg does not camouflage or water down the descriptions of evil encountered in these lives or their responses to that evil. This book will deepen your understanding of MPD, as well as the miracles sent by God to heal, renew and give everlasting love, as each part remembers and learns to deal with the truth of their abuse.

Chalberg poses fascinating questions such as, "Does each personality of a multiple have their own soul before God, or is integration of the personalities into one soul the only way they are acceptable to God?" The book is remarkably well written, well organized, and shows a broad knowledge of the subject. However...Chalberg does not boast. He gives all honor and glory to Jesus. He causes the reader to question the potential of mankind to do good yet affirm God's power to cause good to come from evil that we do to each other. One can't help but appreciate and feel his love for Jesus, and his burning dedication to help shattered people, as it is so perfectly depicted in his words.

### **Dr. Joe Johnson, March 2003 – Journeys to Joy: Book One**

"Reading Shattered People is like eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. One can virtually taste the evil, but also the power of love overcoming that evil. This is a book for the professional, for the compassionate friend and for the broken in need of God's redeeming love."

### **Dr. Sean Anderson, San Ramon, CA – November 2005 Books One & Two**

Shattered People Series: Journeys to Joy & 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.

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

In **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 can't 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, yet 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)

### **Book Wire Review – May 17, 2005 – Journeys to Love: Book Two**

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 through sixth 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 Church-at-large in all denominations. 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.

**A reader from Oakland, Ca. May 9, 2003**

These books are a must read if you are struggling with brokenness, or if you set clergy abuse policy in the church. The books brings hope and encouragement to people who think God has forgotten them and does not love them. It also gives church leaders a real understanding of the devastation that clergy abuse has on an individual.

**Rev. Bob Riggert Review November 2020 Manning, IA:**

*"I think you are the shepherd that bends down and wraps the little sheep's cut foot. You hold him and rock him and tell him don't give up little sheep. Jesus loves you and cares for you. . . . I think there are very few shepherds that bend down in the bad places to help the little sheep that are forgotten"* (Chalberg, **Shattered People Series: Journeys to Love**, p. 105) A child of the System accurately describes Michael Chalberg and his pastoral response to the often forgotten "sheep" suffering with Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD). Pastor Chalberg's love for his sheep is chronicled in Journeys to Joy and Journeys to Love (both revised in 2020). As a fellow pastor who has also been privileged to minister to precious and lost MPD "sheep," I have found these volumes very helpful to my understanding of the complexities of MPD and helpful to practical and compassionate care. Best of all Michael Chalberg desires that all sheep know Jesus... the *Good Shepherd*.