

Retrouvaille Weekends 2009 Couple Comments

Female: "I had no idea what to expect this weekend. My marriage was dead and this was our last straw. We were living apart and my heart was in so much pain. My husband and I had failed in every way to communicate. All we did was argue every time we tried to talk. This weekend has been a resurrection of love. We have been given the tools to communicate. WOW! We actually did communicate! Retrouvaille has saved our marriage. My husband is coming home with me tonight. Thank you God for directing us to Retrouvaille. We did find each other. Our love was on life support and now we are alive with love and believe in trusting and being honest with each other. Thank you and God bless."

Male: "Before this weekend I was dissatisfied with marriage but had no way of improving it on our own. After this weekend with all of the tools we now have due to Retrouvaille I am much more confident that the faith to a better marriage is much clearer and that success is attainable. Thank you so much!"

Female: "We came to Retrouvaille not knowing what to expect and with the thought that we are not a marriage crisis as such but that we could enhance our relationship on Friday evening already. I had heard enough from presenters that made it clear to me that we had more issues than we were aware of. I have cried a lot and we have talked and talked about what changes we need to make to be able to confidently say our marriage is not 'in crisis'. We are in awe of all the presenters here who courageously told us of their most personal hurts and the raw pain that was conveyed humbled and moved me and reduced me to tears. We have benefited 100% from coming here."

Male: "Retrouvaille has given us the tools to move forward with our lives together. The discussions and dialogues that took place over the weekend are more than has taken place in a long while. I am now learning to understand my spouse's feelings, my shortcomings, our goals and the love we have for each other."

Female: "The weekend was very good in bringing us together to actually talk to each other. We had been arguing for some time and then totally ignoring each other, each going into our own spaces. Retrouvaille brought us together to actually 'hear' what the other was saying which is different than listening. We managed to put away the past and start to heal and trust each other again, giving our marriage a strong basis for continuation long into the future. Thank you to those leaders who gave

so much of themselves so that we can see what is needed in our lives."

Male: The weekend has been extremely beneficial to me personally. My marriage was in chaotic unmanageability. This was almost a last resort. The agenda has been set up with a lot of thought. Many people are extremely hurt and the stories are very soothing. Care has been taken not to unjustly point fingers or make any judgements from either spouse. I have not been able to open up to my spouse like this in 3-4 years. Thank you so much for providing me with more tools to enable our relationship to get back on line and flourish."

Male: "This weekend is a weekend that I believe every couple should experience – whatever stage your marriage is in. The tools you learn are beyond what anyone could imagine or expect. No one knows what they are missing until they come for a weekend!!!"

Female: To be able to hear the 3 couples open up regarding their issues was empowering. It opened my eyes, which allowed me to see myself fully. Retrouvaille was exactly like the symbol that helps to represent it. It is a life buoy, someone throwing you a line to safety. I feel like someone has given me a chance to save my marriage. It has done in me what I was unable to do in the past 10 years. I am truly grateful."

Female: "It was a wonderful way to reconnect – although our marriage was not in 'crisis' mode, we had certain issues that kept resurfacing. Retrouvaille gave us the tools to work through those issues. Communication in my opinion is the key to a successful marriage. It was a thought provoking time where I came out feeling refreshed and renewed in my commitment to my marriage."

Female: "Retrouvaille gave us a lot to think about and opened the doors of communication between us. It gave us hope and encouragement that our marriage can be improved. I found out my spouse really loves me. It gave us the tools to express our feelings."

Male: I came to the Retrouvaille Weekend full of hope – but also with dread. We had tried everything else from Marriage Counselling to Separation in the past year – none of which worked. The Retrouvaille Weekend finally brought us back to each other. We now have the tools to grow and enrich our marriage. God is good."