

Salisbury, Debbie & Roy



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Debbie and Roy Salisbury currently co-facilitate [DivorceCare](#) at [Bridgeway Church](#) in Rocklin, CA. **Debbie** shared, "Imagine living as a preacher's kid in a glass house - very public and yet very sheltered.

The message taught or heard was that when you grow up you will meet your "knight" in shining armor and you will have wonderful children together and you will live happily ever after. You will never get divorced because that is one of the worst sins imaginable. That is simply unthinkable and shameful to those who go that route! So, I met and married my KNIGHT - a Naval aviator dressed in whites! 14 years later, my knight moved out! I was, simply put, in that place of unthinkable sin and shame that only others experienced - not me. I am 24 years removed from that defining event but my heart can still remember the pain, aloneness, depression, discouragement and resentment I experienced. Divorce is a rip-apart type grief and loss. It is an unexpected "course correction" It is the death of a dream. My passion is to help encourage, validate and equip those who are walking the divorce journey and in need of HOPE, HEALING & HELP."

Roy shared, "I was divorced quite a few times when I decided to attend my first Divorce Recovery group about 20 years ago. I felt I was in such need to learn about divorce that I attended the Divorce Recovery workshop again. Later on as I learned, grew, and changed my opinion, with God's help, about Divorce I became involved with leadership of the same Divorce Recovery workshop. I did not become a Christian until I was 40 years old and this also became an important part of my healing. Like Debbie, I will never forget the pain and wounding a divorce brings. It cuts deep into your soul and there are so many who face this epidemic that I have been compelled to work in DivorceCare & Divorce Recovery for many years. There is HOPE & HEALING after divorce. My wife Debbie & I have been married for almost 15 years now and we feel privileged to work with souls that are going through the grief and loss of a marriage. Being entrusted by God to do so is very humbling."