

## Examining Her Life

When Peggy started *The Partner's Program*, the timing was perfect. Six months before, her daughter,



Jennifer, suffered a horrible accident that left her neck, face, and arms severely burned. With her physical beauty stripped away, God rebuilt her inner beauty in a way that left Peggy ready to ex-

amine her own heart and wounds. Starting *The Master's Program*, Peggy was ready to take a deep look at each part of her life in order to be reshaped into what God meant for her to be.

## Healing Deep Wounds

For 28 years, Peggy and her husband, Terry, had what looked like a picture-perfect marriage from the outside. But in reality, they had a marriage that was plagued by the recurring pain caused by Terry's time in VietNam. As an engaged couple, Peggy and Terry were separated during Terry's time in active service for the Marines. Once home, the terror of war had a lasting impact on their relationship, never fully allowing for a healthy marriage.

Terry was changed when he learned about *Balance, Margin* and *Focus* through *The Master's Program*. He came home from the session impacted by Bob's charge to the men to examine the depth of the intimacy in their marriages. Realizing a deep desire to know his wife in a more intimate way, Terry was able to hear Peggy's desire for change in their marriage. His willingness to seek counseling and healing in their marriage brought the Gniffkes to a deeper and more fulfilling relationship than Peggy had ever dreamed of. "God can heal broken people, and God can do beyond what we even know to ask for," and the Gniffkes, now married for over 33 years, are experiencing a whole and healthy marriage.

As a couple that experienced the physical and emotional separation that comes from active duty, the Gniffkes are passionate about reaching out to other military couples. They have created a website that allows active military families to stay in constant communication via individual secure and protected websites. With "Websites for Heroes," the Gniffkes hope to eventually serve thousands of military families. Their ultimate goal is to use these websites as a "jumping off point" to minister to the many needs of active military families.

## Ministering to Others

Peggy and Terry have also channeled their efforts into ministering to other at-risk couples. Through their church, they serve as lay-counselors for couples headed for divorce. Knowing firsthand that there is hope, Peggy and Terry are able to call on years of experience in their own marriage to encourage others to fight for their own.

Through her time in *The Partner's Program*, Peggy realized that "the mask has to be taken off. Life is too real and painful...the superficial church has to be dealt with. God wants hearts and as long as there is the pride of holding back, God can't complete His work." She is intentional now about sharing deeply from her life with the people around her. Recently, she shared her journey with a group of women from her church, and has since been called to counsel multiple women in troubled marriages. What began as a deep wound is now the basis for Peggy's ministry to other women. God is using this Revolutionary for great things, as she steps outside her comfort zone, to be real and honest about the work God has done in her life, and in the life of her marriage!

*Peggy and her husband, Terry, live near their three grown children and three grandchildren in Orange County, Ca. They are actively involved at Calvary Church, Santa Ana.*