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with Tally Whitehead

foreword by Andy Stanley

the good  
news about  
marriage

debunking discouraging myths  
about marriage and divorce

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—EMERSON EGGERICHS, best-selling author of *Love and Respect*

# Praise for the good news about marriage

## **Andy Stanley**

*From the Foreword by Andy Stanley,  
Senior Pastor, North Point  
Community Church*

"Shaunti makes a good case that there are many solid, evidence-based reasons to be encouraged about the state of marriage and to encourage others as well. We cannot talk about marriage and divorce as we have in the past. I look forward to telling people the good news about marriage!"

## **Jimmy Evans**

*Founder and CEO of  
MarriageToday, Senior Pastor  
of Trinity Fellowship Church,  
Author of Lifelong Love Affair*

"In the thirty-two years I have been deeply immersed in the world of marriage ministry, I have been demoralized at times by the negative statistics quoted. And now I am ecstatic as I read the truth in this incredible book. Thank you, Shaunti, for doing the hard work necessary to expose the myths and lies being propagated in our society and for finally revealing the positive facts about marriage. This book and the undeniable research in it is a game changer!"

## **Dr. Scott Stanley**

*Research Professor and Co-Director  
for Marital and Family Studies,  
University of Denver, Co-author  
of A Lasting Promise & Research  
Professor, University of Denver*

"This is an important book. Shaunti and Tally do an impressive job of showing that there is room for different viewpoints on divorce statistics and room for optimism about marriage. I believe that people make higher risk choices partly because they have lost hope in marriage. Shaunti and Tally highlight the good news about marriage and present a basis for real hope."

## **Jim Daly**

*President, Focus on the Family*

"Lamenting the demise of the family has almost become a cottage industry. There's a lot of legitimate bad news out there, but Shaunti reminds readers that the situation might not be nearly as dire as we think – in fact, there are encouraging signs of hope. That's a welcome message!"

## **Ed Stetzer, Ph.D.**

*President of LifeWay Research*

"Facts are our friends—and there are many bad stats out there about marriage. Shaunti Feldhahn debunks those myths but also provides some clarity-- not just marriage in general, but about how to strengthen your marriage. The Good News about Marriage is well worth your time."

## **Lysa TerKeurst**

*New York Times bestselling  
Author and President of  
Proverbs 31 Ministries*

"Every Christian leader in America needs to read the groundbreaking, hope-filled research in this book. And then they need to recommend that everyone in their sphere of influence read it as well! I think this is one of the most important marriage books I've ever read. This book will change how all of us think and talk about marriage and divorce."

**Gary Chapman, Ph.D.**  
*NY Times bestselling author of  
The Five Love Languages*

“In counseling, a couple often comes in with no hope. It will make such a difference if they believe ‘We can get through this – because most people do!’ Shaunti and Tally’s research provides a solid foundation for hope. As counselors, we need to share the ‘Good News About Marriage.’”

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**Tyler Reagin**  
*Executive Director of Catalyst*

“This book is great news about marriage! Every pastor, coach, or counselor will find a new zeal for working with marriages after learning the truth about the state of marriage today. I cannot wait to have Shaunti share these truths with the Catalyst audience.”

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**W. Bradford Wilcox, Ph.D.**  
*Sociology Professor at the University  
of Virginia and Director of the  
National Marriage Project, Senior  
Fellow, Institute for Family Studies*

“The Good News About Marriage offers an important word of encouragement to believers who wonder if faith makes a difference in modern married life. It makes a big difference. Believers who put their faith into practice--who worship together and pray together--are much more likely to enjoy stable and happy marriages. This is good news indeed.”

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**Ron L. Deal**  
*Director of FamilyLife Blended,  
best-selling author of  
The Smart Stepfamily*

“Academically rigorous, honest, and refreshingly bold, this book will make you question what you’ve always heard about the bad news of marriage. A seminal work, this book could change the social narrative about marriage for generations. This is a must-read for academics, marriage educators, and couples alike.”

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**Jud Wilhite**  
*Author of The God of Yes,  
Senior Pastor of Central  
Christian Church*

“Shaunti’s *The Good News about Marriage* relies on ground-breaking research to give us a whole different framework to think about marriage, divorce and relationships. This is fantastic material, expertly woven together, that provides powerful tools to help us improve our personal relationships and those in our communities.”

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**Dr. Tim Clinton**  
*President, American Association  
of Christian Counselors;  
Executive Director, Center for  
Counseling and Family Studies  
at Liberty University*

“Shaunti’s thoroughly-researched book will inject life and hope not only into our national consciousness about marriage, but also into every individual marriage in the country. Don’t miss this ‘must read!’”

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**Emerson Eggerichs**  
*Former Pastor, Counselor, and  
best-selling author of Love  
and Respect*

“Shaunti takes aim at marriage myths that have spread like cancer through our culture--myths that have become self-fulfilling prophecies. This book is packed with game-changing revelations! Bravo to Shaunti for her outstanding research.”

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**Jim Burns, PhD.**  
*President, HomeWord Author  
of Creating an Intimate  
Marriage and Closer*

“This is some of the most important information on marriage for this generation. Shaunti Feldhahn is not only a wonderfully innovative researcher, she brings practical inspiration on every page of this book. She not only gives us the facts on why the divorce rate in America is not as bad as often reported, she tells us what people with good marriages are doing to keep it good. This is the new “go to” book for facts on marriages in America for it’s much better news than we often hear on the subject.”

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**Bob Lepine**

*Co-Host FamilyLife Today*

"You've read the bad news about marriage - about all the co-habiting couples, extra-marital affairs and soaring divorce rates. But as this book shows, there a a lot of good news about marriage today. And it's about time someone said so!"

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**Christopher McCluskey**

*Best-selling Author, President of Professional Christian Coaching Institute*

"It's impossible to overstate the importance of these findings. Our beliefs directly influence our actions, and our beliefs about marriage have been wrong. Shaunti and Tally provide genuine hope that is based on truth. This book changes everything."

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**Steven & Holly Furtick**

*Lead Pastor, Elevation Church & Author of the New York Times bestseller Greater*

"Shaunti Feldhan really knows how to present profound truth in the most relatable way. We have consistently used her books to help lay foundations for strong marriages in our church. Holly and I have also gained tremendous perspective about our own relationship from her unique insights and research. Now, in *The Good News About Marriage*, Shaunti and Jeff are giving us the gifts of a positive perspective and a practical strategy to make the most of our marriages."

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**Ted Lowe**

*Founder of MarriedPeople Co-Author, Married People, How Your Church Can Build Marriages That Last*

"When I first heard Shaunti talk about the content shared in this book, I thought to myself, "If this is true, the implications are huge!" Well, when I read the book, it was apparent Shaunti and her team have certainly done their homework and the good news about marriage is indeed true-and the implications for all of us are huge! For a young couple considering marriage, to hear that the divorce rate is nowhere near 50 percent, this is tremendously encouraging. For a person considering divorce, to hear that most people hang in there and are happier for it, the possibilities are now renewed. And for me, as a person who wants to help churches help marriages, I'm more determined than ever. This is a must read for anyone who is impacted by marriages . . . all of us."

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**Robert Lewis**

*Pastor, Founder-Men's Fraternity*

"Marriage works! And it works really, really well! Unfortunately, that has become "a secret" in today's world, buried under a host of modern myths that equate marriage more like a game of Russian roulette. Thank you Shaunti for your exceptional research that proves otherwise. Marriage works! And for any couple seeking a lifetime of happiness, it works really, really well! It's time to again shout this from our rooftops."