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## Editorial Review

### Review

One of the most challenging assignments I've ever seen a wife embrace is that of loving well in a spiritually mismatched marriage. Joy McClain authentically shares the depths of the challenges of her marriage and how she experienced God in the midst of her valley. This is a must-read book for every wife who faces the daily heart ache of a spiritually mismatched marriage. ~ **Dr. Dennis Rainey**, President, FamilyLife

This is a story of disappointment, addiction, and family pain but more so it is a story of God's sustaining hope. Months turn to years, hope turned to tears but Joy remained faithful to her covenant. She never gave up on her God dream. She truly learned what it means to wait upon the Lord. In the end we all witnessed a miracle. Her children saw their mom transformed by suffering and their father transformed by grace. The beauty of this amazing story of forbearance, forgiveness, and redemption is how long suffering the Lord is and how personally He answers prayer. When you read this book you will praise God afresh and renew your hope in God's providence and provision. I was thankful to have a front row seat to see God at work. ~ **Dr. Garrett Higbee**, Executive Director Biblical Soul Care, Harvest Bible Chapel

You can always tell when a book has been written out of the depths of experience versus intellectual insight. Joy has written and rewritten this book from years of experience, wrestling with the Lord, and staying in the trial. As a result, she has gained a completeness and maturity to her life that readers will find rich, deep, encouraging, and practical. This is a great resource for women struggling in less-than-perfect marriages and the friends who walk beside them. ~ **Robb Besosa**, Executive Director, Twelve Stone Ministries

### From the Back Cover

#### **“No Matter What”**

Joy intended to keep her vow to remain with her beloved Mark “no matter what.”

But on her wedding day she could not have known that “no matter what” would include Mark’s years-long struggle with alcohol dependency and its resulting turmoil.

Joy recounts her family’s journey through these troubled times of fighting, disappointment, embarrassment, and legal separation. But she and the children never gave up on Mark as they waited for his heart to return to them.

Joy is refreshingly candid as she walks us through how she parented virtually alone, found employment, learned to share her needs with discretion, saw God’s provision, and even created happy family times.

Your story might not be similar to Joy’s, but you have a friend or a neighbor whose loved one is battling an addiction. Hear it from Joy—as well as from Mark himself and the couple’s children—and never give up.

## About the Author

**JOY MCCLAIN** Through song writing, publishing (over 150 short stories, Bible studies and articles), teaching, counseling and public speaking Joy passionately helps women understand their redemptive position in Christ. Joy has a unique call, marrying what women desire to express to words that give them a voice in which to do so. Married for 26 years, 20 of which involved a battle against her husband Mark's alcoholism, she and Mark have four children and live in Greenwood, Indiana. To learn more, visit joy-apassionatepursuit.blogspot.com.

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