

Thank you...

I have seen the lives of so many people close to me devastated by divorce. This ministry is making a visible impact, one relationship at a time. If even one man can say he's a better husband this year than he was last year – I will be happy in what God has accomplished.

-Bert DeVries



#### Scott and Doug – True Story

It was Wednesday afternoon and Scott was scratching his head. There was an accounting mistake made in the office and he wouldn't get his paycheck until the middle of next week. What made matters worse was that the gas gauges on his truck and his wife's car showed a quarter tank. Scott wondered how he was going to find gas money for the next few days. Discouraged, he called his small men's group and told them that he wouldn't be making the 50 mile round trip to the meeting that night and he posted a prayer request on the Chapel page of the 4BetterOr4Worse web site.

*"Subject: Broke*

*Message: Could use some prayer that somehow God will provide some money for gas for our vehicles and to pay some bills. Things are really tight right now and I won't be getting paid from work for another week or two, as things are tight there too. "*

A day or two later Doug saw the posting on the Chapel page. He could pray for Scott and he did. But there was just something about reading that message and Doug couldn't leave it alone. He had done some extra side work lately and was sitting on a little extra cash. Doug decided to put his faith into action and sent an e-mail to 4BetterOr4Worse Ministry asking how he could put a gas card in Scott's hands as quickly as possible.

The following day Scott received three Visa gift cards that were sent by Doug through a guy in Scott's men's group. The money got Scott and his family through the weekend.

"I don't know Scott," Doug said. "I don't have to. I've been there before. I can always pray but this time I could do something more."

**4BetterOr4Worse encourages husbands by building a community of brothers like Scott and Doug who take care of each other when life gets difficult.**

## 4BetterOr4Worse Ministry

In support of men who stood in front of God and everyone and said "I do".

In an American Culture where the divorce rate among Christian men and women is 50% or higher, 4BetterOr4Worse Ministry seeks to be used by God to meet married men where they are with His love in the hope of improving marriages.



[www.4BetterOr4Worse.org](http://www.4BetterOr4Worse.org)

## "Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." I Thessalonias 5:11

In **2005**, 6 marriages of people close to me ended in divorce. It really shook me when my best friend left his wife and family in search of something better.

Out of anger and frustration came my passion to help every man around me become a husband his wife can brag about. After I checked in with the rest of the married guys that I knew, I started writing.

**2008** saw the start of the 4BetterOr4Worse blog. At the same time, God introduced me to a few good men and an opportunity to mentor to them. On May 1, **2009** 4BetterOr4Worse was established as a ministry and we've been growing ever since. Today we're mentoring 10 men, sponsoring events that strengthen marriages, and developing teaching tools and programming that help married men be effective leaders in their homes.

**Today**, we are supporting and encouraging men all over the West Michigan area and beyond. We want every man to be a husband his wife can brag about!

- Bert DeVries

### What we do...

- **We want to bring men out of isolation.**
  - The majority of men live in their lives without many friends.
  - When life gets rough, few men have friends they can call on for help.
- **We offer a support system for men.**
  - When hard times come, a lot of men feel they have to handle things on their own.
  - Culture tells us that we have to be put together and have things under control.
  - God doesn't want us to struggle alone.
- **4BetterOr4Worse Ministry offers one-on-one Christian mentoring.**
  - Guys meet in coffee shops, restaurants, and other comfortable neutral places.
  - Mentors offer Biblical and Spirit filled encouragement for the difficult times in life.
- **Mentor relationships are 12-18 months.**
- **We have a discipleship attitude toward mentoring.**
  - Men who receive mentoring will have an opportunity to be a mentor later on.
- **4BetterOr4Worse Ministry has local resources to offer assistance.**
  - We provide access to counseling, financial coaching, addictions (including pornography), and more.
- **We're not willing to settle for mediocre marriages. We want the marriages of our men to be on solid ground – or, THE ROCK.**

### What if I need help?

It's difficult for a guy to ask for help. We get that. So, we try to make it as easy as possible through the following ways:

- Send e-mail to [Info@4BetterOr4Worse.org](mailto:Info@4BetterOr4Worse.org).
- Call 616.272.4854

### Where can I find more information?

- Visit our web community at [www.4BetterOr4Worse.org](http://www.4BetterOr4Worse.org)
- Join our Facebook Group - search for 4BetterOr4Worse

"The enemy is no fool. He has a strategically designed game plan, a diabolical method he employs time and time again. When he wants to destroy a family, he focuses on the man. For if he can neutralize the man...he has neutralized the family. And the damage that takes place when a man's family leadership is neutralized is beyond calculation."

- Steve Farrar.