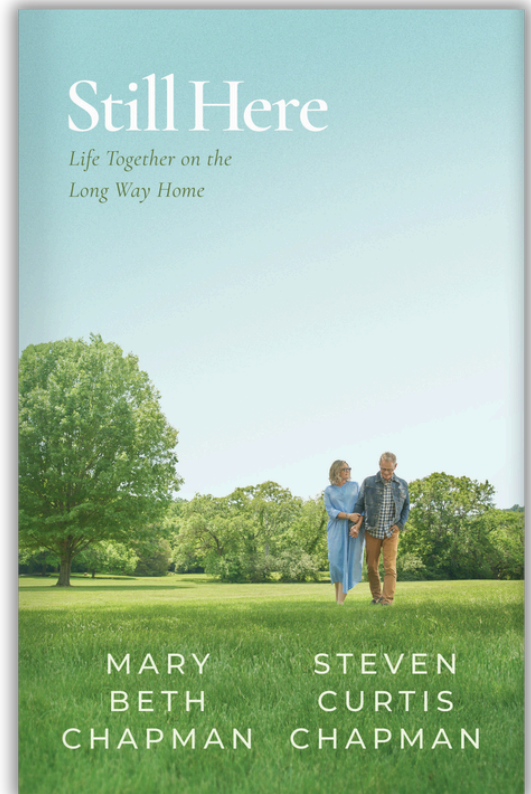


# STILL HERE: LIFE TOGETHER ON THE LONG WAY HOME

## Mary Beth and Steven Curtis Chapman Unveil Real, Crazy (Real Crazy) Stories and Hard-Won Wisdom from a 40-Year Marriage

**Nashville, TN (December 15, 2025)** – *New York Times* bestselling author Mary Beth Chapman and multi-Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Steven Curtis Chapman have a new milestone to celebrate: 40 years of marriage. What began as young love on a college campus has aged into a cherished—but challenging—shared journey through the complexities of life. Now, for the first time, the Chapmans reveal behind-the-scenes stories of their marriage in *Still Here: Life Together on the Long Way Home* (March 24, 2026, B&H Publishing Group). Their new book paints an honest portrait of a couple held together by divine grace and mercy as they prioritize one another, day by day, against impossible odds.

“Until now, we have shied away from writing about our marriage because we thought it might be disappointing for you. Our life is not set to the tune of a love song on auto-repeat—although one of us has sung a certain love song about 100,000 times by now,” they write in *Still Here*. “But if God will get the glory, then we hope you don’t mind hearing about our crazy life together. Maybe you need to hear that a couple can be a crazy mess today and, by the abundant grace of God, can still be only a sunrise away from another whole new beginning. It’s true. Not just for us, but for you too.”



*Still Here* is a vulnerable narrative, unpacking the Chapmans’ experience of walking through life as two imperfect people who love God most—and love each other almost as much. Steven and Mary Beth forgo quick tips and bullet points, instead offering an authentic recollection of lived lessons and wisdom collected over four decades, including:

- Marriage is a practice field for sanctification: two people learning to bear with each other in love.
- Commitment and perseverance are powerful—choose to navigate the highs and lows together.
- Lasting love is built on grace, repentance, and forgiveness.
- Differences in personality and perspective can lead to conflict, but they can also draw you closer.
- There’s not one “right” answer for every parenting situation, so choose relationship.
- The person you married will change—life changes both of you over time.
- Prayer can become a primary response during conflict, rather than avoidance or anger.
- A loving marriage reflects the gospel—mirroring sacrificial love and unity.
- Acknowledge the struggles—and don’t forget to celebrate the beauty of everyday life together.

“God’s main business with you, like His main business with us, is to keep shaping us in holiness. How interesting—how cosmically ingenious—that one of God’s primary methods for sanctification is marriage. And He lets us choose it ourselves!” they write. “We willingly walk the aisle, choosing to share our innermost being with one man or woman for a lifetime, not realizing the package deal we’ve just accepted. Marriage is a practice field for sanctification: two people learning to bear with each other in love.”

B&H Publishing will support the release of *Still Here* with digital, print, and social media advertising, as well as a robust content plan, email campaign, targeted early mailing, and a national publicity campaign.

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## Steven Curtis and Mary Beth Chapman



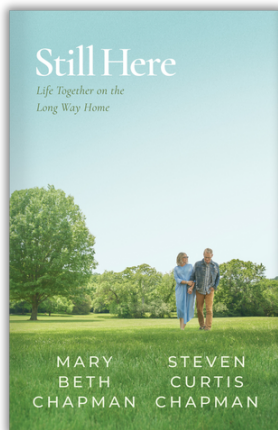
**Steven Curtis Chapman** is the most awarded artist in Christian music history with 60 Gospel Music Association (GMA) Dove Awards, five Grammy Awards, 10 certified gold or platinum albums, and has charted an unprecedented 50 #1 singles. He is also the only Christian music songwriter to receive the prestigious BMI Icon Award and, as of 2024, he is an official member of Nashville’s Grand Ole Opry. [www.stevencurtischapman.com](http://www.stevencurtischapman.com)

**Mary Beth Chapman**, already a New York Times bestselling author, is cofounder and chairman of the board of Show Hope, an internationally recognized nonprofit organization dedicated to caring holistically for children by engaging the Church and reducing barriers to adoption. She holds an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Anderson University and has been inducted by the National Council for Adoption into the Adoption Hall of Fame. [www.marybethchapman.com](http://www.marybethchapman.com)

**Together**, Steven and Mary Beth are the parents of six children, as well as Grammy and PopPops to seven adorable grandchildren. In 2003, they founded Show Hope, an internationally recognized nonprofit organization dedicated to adoption advocacy and support that has helped nearly 10,000 children come home to the love, security, and permanency of a family.



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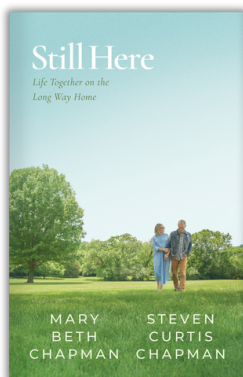
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# Suggested Interview Questions

- Steven and Mary Beth, you have each accomplished so much since you first met during college. Where does a forty-year marriage rank in your list of life accomplishments?
- The title of your new book calls back to a popular love song Steven wrote, “I Will Be Here.” How does it feel to still be here, together after 40 years? Has life unfolded as you expected back when you penned those lyrics?
- You write that you were each hesitant to write a book about your marriage. Why and what changed your mind?
- What has been the most persistent complexity in your marriage? Is scheduling still a complicated issue for you today?
- Your book includes a chapter entitled “bearing with each other in love.” What does this look like in a marriage?
- Tell us about the personality test you took with a marriage counselor years ago. Were you surprised by the results? Since your temperaments and talents are so opposite, how have you navigated those differences through the years?
- You write honestly about seeking out professional counseling at various points in your marriage. How has counseling benefited your relationship?
- What role has prayer played in your life together?
- What have you learned about handling regret and self-criticism after a perceived “failure” in your relationship?
- Your life together has been marked by extreme highs as well as devastating lows. Many marriages break after that kind of volatility. How have you managed to stay together?
- You write that your parenting style evolved over the years of raising six children. How would you describe that shift?
- As the parents of young adults—and the grandparents of seven—what is uniquely joyful or challenging in this season?
- What joys have you found in long-term marriage that couldn’t be experienced earlier in marriage?



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## *Still Here: Life Together on the Long Way Home*

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We're all a lot alike. There's a lot more "normal" than you realize to whatever bothers you or embarrasses you the most about yourself or about your life. And yet, for some ridiculous reason, we almost universally work hard to cover them up. We yank down the blinds on who we really are, going to just about any length to prevent people from thinking something different about us than the illusion we want them to believe. The illusion we sometimes confuse for reality.

For example, when you're the couple who's known for a song like "I Will Be Here," and then you're "still here" 40 years later, people might think you've figured out everything there is to know about marriage. Even if you clearly tell them differently. When you've done the ten thousandth interview where you've been asked again how you're able to do it all—maintain an active career, manage all the tugs on your time and your schedule, keep advocating for children and families impacted by adoption, and, to top it all off, withstand the kind of heartwrenching loss that a lot of wives, husbands, moms, dads, and families don't ever survive—people think you've obviously got a lot to say that the rest of us can learn from.

If people only knew. Most of what's kept us standing through all the things we've been through—plus all the things we've put each other through—has been just this stubborn determination that refuses to give up, even after a whole lot of mess-ups. It's been grace and repentance. Grace. And more repentance. Grace. And forgiveness. Grace. And God. It's been God.

There's really nothing special here, not in us. Except that we're still here. Yet maybe the biggest achievement every day, when life and family get so unbearably hard, is not found in getting the answer you want, or the apology you want, or the relief you want so badly from whatever stress or struggle seems so insurmountable to you right now. By God's grace, by God's strength, doing the hard. And then doing it again. And wherever possible, doing it together.

We decided to go ahead and write this book because we felt like God was telling us not to wait until we'd figured everything out. We'd be waiting a long time if we did . . . like, forever! The only thing we came to talk about with you is what's here and what's happened with us, and what we're hopefully still learning from what we've observed in the middle of it. Just openness and honesty, mixed in with a lot of hard-fought humility, mainly because of all the opportunities God has found for humbling us.

Our story is not as polished and put together as we wish. We're guessing yours is not either. Not every day is one we're proud of, and not every wishful plan for the future falls together like a Hallmark Christmas movie. We're simply inviting you to come over and let's talk about what's real. Real with us and real with you. And often really hard. Too real and too hard for any of us to think we could live it better by ourselves. Without each other.

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