

Megachurch Pastor John Gray: I Had an 'Emotional Affair'

South Carolina Pastor John Gray told *The Real* that he had an emotional affair.

"Over a year ago, my wife and I were in a very difficult place in our marriage, and in that time, I began to converse with someone—other than a counselor, other than a pastoral leader, which is where I should have taken my issues and challenges—and began to converse, and I was even in the presence of that person one time. But being in the presence of someone is not the same as sleeping with them. I did not sleep with anyone," Gray told host Adrienne Bailon, who is married to Israel Houghton.

Gray pastors Relentless Church in Greenville. Previously, Ron Carpenter pastored the congregation and called it Redemption Church.

Gray was open with his congregation about many of his marital struggles, which sparked rumors.

"There's no baby, none of that," he said. "It's important for me to take responsibility for the areas where I did come up short. Sharing things about my marriage, outside of my wife and outside of trusted counselors, is an emotional affair. It was wrong. I take responsibility for that. But I will not take responsibility for that which I did not do."

Watch the video to see Gray's full explanation.