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PART 2: A WINNING GAME PLAN

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### STEP 1: THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS CHRIST

Luke 6:47-49 As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. 48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.

❖ All too often we expect our \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill our needs instead of Jesus.

### STEP 2: WRITE THE \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 29:18 AMPC Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man] --blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he.

List the things you don't like about your spouse and marriage:

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❖ When we convert the bad to \_\_\_\_\_, we discover a positive vision for marriage.

List what you admire about your spouse and marriage:

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❖ The best way to change your spouse is \_\_\_\_\_ reinforcement!

List your needs, wants, and desires:

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### STEP 3: \_\_\_\_\_ WHOLE HEARTEDLY

❖ “You cannot be a team of common men. Because common men go no-where. You have to be \_\_\_\_\_.”

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**HOMEWORK:** Read, “*The Five Love Languages*” by Gary Chapman.

### STEP 4: \_\_\_\_\_ DAILY

❖ Our marriage problem in America is not a lack of knowledge but \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:22-25 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

1 Corinthians 13:8a Love never fails!

Phillips translation: Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

#### *HOMEWORK:*

- *Read Ephesians 5 and identify what it means to you and your marriage.*
- *Read 1 Corinthians 13 and identify which attributes of love you have room to improve.*

*\*All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*