The Heart of Marriage Retreat
September 13 – 15, 2013
Dolce Hotel & Resort, Peachtree City, GA

“And The Two Shall Become One”
Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. Genesis 2:24KJV

Retreat Checklist
Below is a quick list of items to review prior to the retreat weekend. For questions, please reply to this email.

- Plan for comfortable clothes, you will be sitting for long periods of time.
- Bring a sweater or jacket (air conditioned rooms or inclement weather).
- Wives, bring a veil for the recommitment ceremony.
- Bring exercise clothing and/or swimwear if you’re interested in a stimulating start to your day.
- Write down (separately or together) what you would like to accomplish during the weekend such as: “better communication in our marriage” etc.
- Pray for God’s favor on your time during the retreat.
- Try not to argue with your spouse on the way to the retreat.
- Start the retreat with an open, willing spirit.
- Each spouse should bring a bible.
- Notepads will be available or bring your journals.
- For setting the mood…bring a CD player if you wish.

Retreat Itinerary
Purpose
The Heart of Marriage Weekend is designed to equip couples with practical, proven principles for strengthening their marriage. During the retreat, you will learn how to:

- Clarify your role as a husband or wife
- Resolve conflict in the relationship
- Maintain a vital sexual connection
- Express forgiveness to one another
- Increase your commitment, creating an even deeper level of intimacy

Atmosphere
Even though you will sit among many other couples the retreat is designed just for you to enjoy with your spouse.

Format
The format of the weekend combines general sessions delivered by Rev. Dan Williams with designated times set aside for small group breakout sessions - Rev. Belinda McCastle – “The Balancing Act”
Dr. Charles & Monica Houston - “Forsaking All Others, Even Mama ‘Nem”
Robin May – “Intimacy 101”
Benjamin & Alisha Walker – “Honey, Can We Talk?”
Troy Young – “Money, Is It His, Hers or Ours?”
Shaneka McClarty – “Intimacy 102”
Drs. Ed & Anne Wimberly – “Leaving A Legacy”

To make the most of your weekend, we encourage you to:

- Listen carefully during the messages to the overall purpose and plan for marriage, even if you’re not sure you agree with a particular point at first. Many of the concepts and applications become clearer as the weekend progresses.
- Think about how you can apply the principles in your own life rather than what you think your spouse needs to learn.
- Decide upon at least two or three action points by the end of the weekend that you and your spouse agree to apply in the next thirty days.

Meals
The retreat includes refreshments on Friday, continental breakfast and lunch buffet on Saturday as well as continental breakfast and brunch on Sunday. A special part of the weekend is the Saturday evening Date Night. You can either plan to join other couples or plan a special dinner for two. Restaurant suggestions will be offered. Afterwards, join us at the Dolce Amphitheatre where we will be featuring “Jazz On The Lake”. You’re welcome to bring food. Portraits will be available for a fee.

Weekend Schedule
Friday
6:00 pm
Check In, Registration, Pick up registration packets
7:30 – 8:15 pm
Social Mixer, Refreshments
7:15 pm
Praise & Worship, Prayer, Welcome
7:55 – 9:15 pm
Group Session & Presentations
9:15 – 10:00 pm
Opening Session
Speaker - Rev. Dan Williams
10:00 pm
Closure, Housekeeping

Saturday
7:00 am
Continental Breakfast
7:45 – 8:15 am
Praise & Worship, Prayer, Overview
8:15 – 9:00 am
Morning Session
Speaker - Rev. Dan Williams
9:15 – 10:45 am
Break-Out Session 1
11:00 – 12:30 pm
Break-Out Session 2
12:30 – 1:45 pm
Lunch
1:45 – 2:45 pm
Break-Out by Gender
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Break-Out Session 3
4:45 – 5:00 pm
Application Session
Speaker – Rev. Dan Williams
5:00 – 5:15 pm
Date Night Presentation,
Housekeeping
6:00 pm
Dinner (on your own)
8:00 – 11:00 pm
Jazz On The Lake

Sunday
8:30 am
Continental Breakfast
9:30 – NOON
Worship Service, Recommitment Ceremony & Final Wrap Up
NOON
Bunch

IMPORTANT: Check out of the hotel prior to coming to service

Our Speakers
The Heart of Marriage’s speakers have come to understand thoroughly the importance of God’s blueprints for marriage and are living it out in their daily lives. They are a dynamic, passionate group of people who are committed to both encourage and equip you and your spouse to build a godly home. Their presentations are biblically and professionally sound. It is our hope that you will enjoy and gain great insight from their unique perspectives on how putting God’s plan into action will change your marriage for the better.