

## HIS RESPONSES

What would you say to a church or an individual who was considering attending or hosting this retreat?

*I'd highly recommend the retreat for anyone who wants to learn (maybe for the first time) how to communicate to your spouse in a biblical way. It's such a unique way Phil and Vicky do the retreat, with combination of biblical teaching, easy to follow steps, and personalized feedback.*

What, specifically are some things that you liked about the retreat?

*I really enjoyed the pre-work prior to the retreat. It allowed my heart to be in the right place and definitely needed time in advance to go deep into your past to uncover some hidden wounds and pains in the past. It connected the dots more clearly and able to see the "whys" behind the way that we are now. I also appreciated how much time we spent in prayer and relied on the Holy Spirit to guide us throughout the time. Even though there was an agenda prepared, we were more than happy to go into a direction, depending on how the Spirit led us during the time. The lessons that we took away are relevant and applicable even outside of the marriage context so highly recommend that people attend, even if they feel like their marriage is strong and healthy, as they will be able to apply the learnings in various relationships. (Parents, co-workers, ministry setting, etc.)*

Is there anything that you would change?

*Time flies by so quick! We actually made a mistake in our flight booking and instead of 3 days, we did 4 days. If possible, I'd recommend couples staying for 4 full days (5 days including travel). I'd also recommend couples taking a lot of time to really prepare and pray (and recruit a dedicated prayer team) during the pre-work in order to maximize the time you have with Phil and Vicky.*

What about this retreat surprised you in a good way?

*It was filled with fun surprise. We had a date night at the end which allowed us to reflect back and recap all the memories while it's still fresh in our minds and hearts before returning back home with the business of life. I also enjoyed the fun meals that we had, where I felt that we fellowshiped and bonded as friends. The meals were super delicious, healthy and filling too! (They are amazing cooks)*

What (if anything) about the retreat was challenging for you?

*As I return back home, the prayer is how do we sustain this heart so that it just doesn't become a one-time unique experience and becomes a retreat high.*

What would you say about your hosts?

*Phil and Vicky are one of the most humble, caring, loving servant leaders I've ever seen. They is no way they can be this impactful if it wasn't because they spend time in the Word and Spirit. As we've gotten to know them more personally, they are just like us in many ways (hurt, broken) and have God given blessing to using those painful experiences to bless others in such a powerful and impactful way. We are just filled with gratitude, respect them as seasoned veterans and just joy to consider them as friends*

What (if any) impact will this retreat have on your relationships? Your family? Your ministry?

*It will take a lifetime to soak up all their teachings, wisdom and guidance but the goal is to apply them to our marriage in bite size chunks on a daily basis. As we're involved in so many people's lives, the prayer is to incorporate some of their teachings into other people's lives as well. Matters are of the heart are not emphasized enough, especially amongst men, so this will be a continuing need*

Other feedback?

*We thank you so much for everything. We will pray for your marriage, ministry and for other couples who will be going through this in the future. You are living out your calling with such clarity and focus that God is just smiling down at you now and is ready to fill you up with even greater servings. "All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the Lord has blessed."*

## **HER RESPONSES**

What would you say to a church or an individual who was considering attending or hosting this retreat?

*I think this retreat is essential at every stage of marriage. For couples just beginning, it provides a vital foundation for building a resilient marriage. For those already on the journey, it serves to boost and strengthen their commitment, ensuring they run it well.*

What, specifically are some things that you liked about the retreat?

*I particularly appreciated how the retreat was structured to encourage spiritual deepening, specifically by leaning into the Holy Spirit's guidance. The program itself was highly thoughtful and tailored (effective communication, purpose/vision), effectively tackling essential areas of our marriage throughout the sessions. We were consistently given time for reflection, which made the content resonate deeply. On top of this excellent structure, the atmosphere was immensely encouraging, thanks to the affirming and wise words from Phil and Vicky, who shared great wisdom. And, of course, the experience was complete with delicious meals!*

Is there anything that you would change?

*Considering all the wonderful things I've gained and received, my heart is so full of gratitude that I genuinely can't think of any change.*

What about this retreat surprised you in a good way?

*Getting completely away from all the daily distractions (work, ministries, kids) allowed for us a level of focus and emotional energy that simply isn't available at home. The time away allows us to truly relax and connect to one another. Also, I was pleasantly surprised to discover that my spouse and I think alike more than I previously imagined. It's very encouraging to know we share common ground on so many things. Also, I was so surprised to hear the number of people who were praying for us during the retreat!*

What (if anything) about the retreat was challenging for you?

*Digging deeper into my childhood and past has brought to the surface the untrue stories that I have been continuously telling myself.*

What would you say about your hosts?

*The impact Phil and Vicky had was profound. The sheer love they poured into our marriage was extraordinary, and their wisdom and spiritual guidance were incredibly encouraging. Beyond that, their spectacular hospitality, noted in every small detail, ensured we felt completely nurtured—physically, emotionally, and spiritually—throughout our entire stay.*

What (if any) impact will this retreat have on your relationships? Your family? Your ministry?

*The retreat has definitely been a game-changer for our marriage. It has led us to a new level of closeness, strengthening our emotional and spiritual bond. Our renewed commitment to work hard on our relationship makes it clear that taking time away for this experience was a priceless investment. On the ministry front, one major realization is the importance of learning how to communicate emotions in a way that fosters true acknowledgment and sympathy.*

Other feedback?

*We love you!*