



## OVERVIEW OF RESPONSES

### **“Intentionally His”**

### **Couple’s Retreat**

First Reformed Church

Maurice, IA

Saturday, April 17, 2010

<b>After this retreat, I feel...</b>	
1. A better sense about vision and what that means in my life.	
2. Overwhelmed that I don't know my personal vision, although for a wife and mother, it is closely bound with my role in family and life.	
3. More focused on where God is leading me.	
4. Inspired to help my spouse, children and grandchildren become their vision.	
5. I have a clearer vision of what God desires of my life, my marriage, and my family.	
6. Challenged to make some personal changes in my personal life and in our family.	
7. Encouraged to deepen my walk with Christ.	
8. Blessed to have Todd come and share in our church and in our home.	
9. My spouse and I talked about things we have not previously discussed.	
<b>I learned the most about....</b>	
1. The Holy Spirit is more active – good tools for marriage and parenting.	
2. The need to establish non-negotiable boundaries.	
3. What I can and need to do to be a better spiritual leader of my house and family.	
4. Putting God's vision for us into words and on paper.	
5. Making a vision for eternity.	
6. How to formulate that vision, especially the non-negotiables.	
7. What vision really is.	
8. How to lead our teenage son and teach him the values we want him to inherit.	
9. How little I really know.	
10. The non-negotiables and what some of the miss-alignments are that interfere with my spiritual growth.	
<b>The portion of this retreat having the greatest impact on me personally was....</b>	
1. The bow and arrow and non-negotiables, excellent.	
2. The evidence of miss-alignment – I was concerned that almost all of them applied to me.	
3. The bow and arrow description. The power of the Holy Spirit and how much we can bend before breaking or getting off target.	
4. Deciding my non-negotiating values for my family.	
5. The non-negotiables.	
6. Sitting with my spouse and articulating our personal vision and putting together our couple's vision.	
7. The illustration of the bow and arrow.	

8. Teaching from Todd and his personal stories.	
9. Becoming a “blessable family.” – Session 1	
10. Learning about vision. The example of the bow and arrow was great.	
<b>My significant “ah ha” from this retreat was...</b>	
1. It made me more aware of my miss-alignment issues and things and things I can improve on.	
2. The statement if Satan can’t persuade you, he’ll just keep you too busy – not to be too distracted by life.	
3. Actually developing our vision together as a couple.	
4. I need my vision written down so I can refer back to it in the busyness of life and keep things aligned with God’s desires for me.	
5. The bow and arrow illustration – it caused me realize (when Todd dropped the arrow twice while trying to connect it to the bow) that I was trying to do things in my own strength, without the power of the Holy Spirit.	
6. I need to align my life and family totally to be blessed by God and his promises.	
7. Seeing the example of the bow and arrow and how it relates to vision.	
8. That we need to position ourselves at God’s right hand to experience his blessings.	
<b>This retreat was different from other retreats like this for me in that...</b>	
1. Todd made sure we all understood before moving on. He made it personal. It helped us not feel so “off the mark.”	
2. I wish we could have had this retreat 38 years ago.	
3. It gave my spouse and I time alone together to discuss important things. Final sharing time questions were well worded, essential, but non-threatening.	
4. The times went fast and I enjoyed it. I learned and hopefully grew from it.	
5. It gives guidance and information for my spouse and I to keep talking.	