



**Virtual Small Group Study**  
**SESSION 5: ALL IN**  
**Facilitators' Guide**

**Learning Objectives:** By the end of this session, couples will have:

1. Recognized and Inculcated in their hearts and minds a crucial attitude to be “ALL IN”, give their best to work with all their heart as for the Lord- in their walk with God, marriage, and ministry.
2. Accepted to take the challenge to be used by God to impact other people and couples for Him.
3. Listed some specific ways how to go “All In” continually in 3 areas: with God, with spouse, ministry/workplace. (“I will” statements)

**I. Preliminaries**

- A. Welcome them warmly to the 5<sup>th</sup> and last session; build rapport.
- B. Congratulate them for making it to this last session.
- C. Share briefly these ground rules: *“Don’t share anything that would embarrass your spouse.” “Anything shared in the group, stays in the group. We respect privacy and confidentiality.”* Also, remind them to limit their sharing, so others can share also.

**II. Review:**

- A. “This is now our last session. How has God spoken to you? How have you seen God worked in your life / your relationship during these past weeks?”
- B. Ask them to share about their specific applications, “I will”, during the past week.
- C. Remind them to make it a habit to make specific action plans (“I will”) as they seek to grow more in their relationship with God & their relationship with their spouse.

**III. Interaction / Discussion Time:**

- A. About the video: “Any comment about the video presentation? What has impacted you?” (*Ask some to share. Refer to Session 1 on how to facilitate the sharing here.*).
- B. Discuss the ff. (**Note:** As much as possible cover all the questions. If not able to finish, tell them to discuss together with their spouse and to make their specific action plans/steps).



1. There are both tough times in life’s circumstances and tough times in marriage itself. Sometimes we desperately want to “check out” rather than stay in the difficult situation. Reflect on a time when you chose to “check out.”

- Would you like to share your experience? What happened? How did it make you feel as you tried to find peace in avoiding the tough situation?
2. Colossians 3:23-24 says, *“Whatever you do, work at it with ALL your heart, as working for the Lord not for men....”* (... WITH ALL YOUR HEART, FOR GOD)  
Ann said, she went all in but she was hurt. Because you hurt each other, it doesn't mean that you will quit. You might drop each other, but don't stop going all the way. God is always there to catch us. So, keep going. Give everything you have- your best.

God calls us to be “all in” whatever we do. Dave and Ann mentioned 3 areas that we can be **“All In”**: **Marriage, Ministry, and Walk with God.**

- How can you go **“all in” in your marriage** every day? What are some practical ways that you can do, or what you are already doing at present?
- How do you connect Ezra 7:10 that says Ezra devoted himself to study of the Word, observance (living it) and teaching it, to going “All In” Marriage?

3. **“All In” the Ministry.** Matthew 5:14, 16 says, *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

- How do you connect “letting your light Shine” to going “All In” the Ministry? What are some specific ways that you can “let your light shine” individually and as a couple?
- Have you ever thought, “What is your Mission together as a married couple? What do you think is God’s Mission for you? Individually and as a couple? **(Suggested answer: God has put you together, strategically where you are, to impact people, the world together).**

How does that make you feel and what are some ways that you can fulfil it? Be specific.

4. Going “all in” for your marriage comes with risk and pain, but God offers to be with us in the middle of this step of faith. Inviting God into your marriage and

moving your perspective to a vertical relationship moves you towards surrendering to God – Go **“All In” your Walk with God.**

- What does surrendering your full self to Jesus mean to you? If there’s anything that’s holding you back from surrendering your full self to Him, what would that be and why? (**Facilitators:** Please be sensitive here if they feel comfortable to answer or not).
- What could you personally, and your marriage gain in surrendering your full self to Jesus?

5. God has an amazing plan for our marriages, but when we are not filled by Jesus, we try to get from each other what only God can give us. We make our spouse “god,” and they disappoint us. It is in this frustration and pain that we often cry out to God.

- What is that thing God might be using in your marriage right now to call you closer to Him? (*Something you can reflect on; or you might want to share to the group*)
- In what ways can you get closer to God and allow Him to take full control of your life and marriage? What decision would you like to make right now? (**\*Facilitators,** *be sensitive whatever is applicable here – either to lead them to Christ through a prayer of faith, if you haven’t done it yet during the previous sessions OR- if they are all believers ,you may lead them to pray how to be filled with the Holy Spirit if you haven’t done it yet also*).
- What are some ways you can help others be filled with Jesus or know Him and experience the amazing plan of God for their marriages as well? In what specific ways can your lives and marriage impact others for Jesus?
- Are you “All In” in your Walk with God, Marriage and Ministry? Which one do you think God wants you to stop holding back? What would it mean for you to go All In?

***“ The only way to have a vertical relationship with God that leads to a great marriage is to go all in.” – Dave Wilson***

#### IV. **Specific Application:**



As you reflect on today's topic of being "All In", what is your biggest takeaway? What commitment/s do you need to make?

What is your "I will" this week? **Ex.** *"I will go "all in" with God and my spouse and ministry by continuing my Book by book Bible reading and praying together with my hubby (daily), being consistent with cheering him on through words of affirmation daily, and to continue ministering to couples through weekly HomeBuilders groups study". "I will \_\_\_\_\_."*

**Facilitators:** You may ask a few to share about their realization and action plans. If short of time, they may write their "I will" statements on their **Specific Application "I will" Chart** and start to apply them this week. Encourage them to review and discuss together Sessions 1-5 sessions if they haven't done them yet. Then, remind them of their **Moments Together** as a couple).

#### V. **Moments Together:** (Connect horizontally and vertically).



As a couple, you are highly encouraged to take time (make a date) and discuss the questions together this week and come up with specific action points for your application. This is also the best time for you to go VERTICAL by ending your time praying together as a couple): Make it a habit to have a weekly Moments Together for the growth of your relationship.

Consider this prayer: *"Dear God, we're not asking You for a good marriage. We're asking You for a great marriage that will one day impact the world and leave a lasting legacy."*- Dave & Ann Wilson.

Keep strengthening your Marriage. Keep going vertical!

**Wrap –up: Go back to the Big group.** (For culmination time & picture taking).  
**Kindly fill out the VM Feedback form and submit it not later than tomorrow night.**  
Thank you. God Bless, everyone!

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