

***“I Still Do” Marriage Events
(FAQ)***

Marriage Events FAQ Sheet

1) Tell us about the marriage material?

Drawing from the material from his books, as well as other content developed for these events, Dave has traveled within the US and abroad delivering gospel-centered marriage messages in the context of retreats, seminars and conferences.

2) How many messages does Dave typically do?

It varies. Dave has been invited into events to deliver one message, and he has also been the featured speaker for marriage conferences often branded under *I Still Do*. Typically, a church or ministry has Dave in for two days where he is asked to deliver 3 – 4 messages. Most frequently this is a Friday evening and Saturday morning. But Dave has also done Saturday morning and/or weeknight evening seminars. (Special note: *While Dave wants to serve the schedule and agenda of his hosts, experience has shown that Saturday events appear to be most effective when they do not go beyond lunch*).

3) Does Kimm speak as well?

Kimm does not teach but serves effectively doing Q & A with Dave at the conclusion of an event.

4) What kind of content does Dave offer?

Here are some session topics.

Sin (Part I & II): Marriage is the union of two people who arrive at the altar toting some surprisingly large luggage. Often it gets opened right there on the honeymoon, sometimes it waits for the week after. The Bible calls it sin and understanding its influence can make all the difference for a man and woman who are building a life together. This session is about understanding the real problems within marriage that we might truly comprehend and experience the life-transforming power of the gospel.

Sex: If you're married, sex matters. Yet far too often, it just doesn't seem to work well. Be it past sins, present expectations, or future anxieties, sex sometimes divides more than it unites. Through a discreet but honest study of 1 Cor 7: 1 – 5, this session will examine God's intention behind the glorious gift of married sexuality.

Mercy: "As Christians, we have received the mercy of God. But that reality makes an extraordinary claim upon our marriage. Mercy establishes ministry as a primary goal for marriage. From the heights of Luke 6, we will together explore what it means to "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6: 36) and how we can apply mercy to see our marriage transformed."

Marriage and the Captivity of Closure: Life delivers complexity. Growing older together leaves many situations open-ended. People sin against us and we sin against each other. Things don't resolve. We crave closure, sometimes to point of distraction—even idolatry. Healthy marriages understand that closure, at least in this life, is overrated. We gain the kind of closure that transforms by looking not to the present, but to the beauty of the past (at the cross) and to the hope of the future (the new heavens and new earth).

Grace: Only by grace can we see the reality of where change needs to happen in our marriage. But grace also trains us. Through an exploration of Titus 2: 11-15, we will discover how grace works to improve marriages by supplying God's power to renounce old patterns, to see Jesus more clearly and to fight sin with greater success.

Contentment: Many marriages are wrecked by disappointed expectations and unfulfilled dreams. What does a couple do when marriage is not going the way they expected? By examining Phil 4: 11-13, we will discover what happens when the gospel unlocks the secret of contentment and sets it loose in our marriage.

Forgiveness: Resentments are subtle and sneaky. Marriages often unravel over the impact of unforgiveness. But forgiveness is often approached as a relational lever and not a transforming application of the gospel. This message is both pointed and practical and invite the hearer to understand that forgiven sinners should forgive sin.

Design: One extraordinary and surprising truth lays near the center of every healthy, gospel-loving, bible-informed marriage – *marriage is more than me*. Through a study of Gen 2 and Ephesians 5, we will look at how marriage exists for something outside of itself. When our marriage is set in the context of God's bigger plan, it inspires us with fresh faith for the present and new hope for the future.

Letting Go: Rugged Love for Wayward Souls: Many couples are challenged with spouses, siblings or children who are not following Christ or cooperating with commitments. While each situation is unique, most stories deal with common themes of shame, guilt, confusion, uncertainty, and struggle. Drawn from the book Dave co-authored titled [Letting Go](#), this material helps you understand the spiritual dynamics at work in the heart of the prodigal and how you as a family member, spouse, friend, or church leader can best relate to them with a love that, where necessary, has teeth.

Session topics under this heading include:

- **Profile of the Prodigal**
- **Rugged Love**
- **Rugged Grace – The Shame and Weariness of Loving the Wayward**
- **Faith For Waiting**

5) Is there a grouping of messages under #4 that seem to fit well together?

The most common constellation of messages for a retreat or conference are:

- I Still Do (Sin) – done in one or two parts
- I Still Do (Sex)
- I Still Do (Mercy)

6) If we want to bring Dave in, are there promotional materials already produced that would help us spread the word about our event?

Yes! Try this for an overview of [When Sinners Say I Do](#) and this link for the [I Still Do](#) material (see the “Why I Wrote I Still Do” video)

Paul Tripp shot three videos on Dave’s marriage resources: One on [When Sinners Say Do](#); One on the catalog of [I Still Do books](#); and one where [Paul comments on Dave to introduce him to others](#).

This video is available for promotion, which also links to the [WSSID video series](#).

There are also a number of short videos (1-3 minutes) of Dave answering questions that can be viewed at [Revdaveharvey.com](#).

7) If we do an event, can we get Dave’s books at a discount for event attendees, or for sale at the event?

Yes! Shepherd Press and Baker Books are partnering with Dave to offer [When Sinners Say I DO](#) and the catalog of [I Still Do](#) resource (book and devotional) at a steep discount for marriage events where Dave speaks. Most often, event organizers will set a registration fee at a price point that covers the purchase of one book so that each couple or registrant gets a marriage book. Event organizers have discovered that this heightens the sense of value for the marriage event while also sending the attendees home with a resource for additional study and discussion.

For When Sinners Say I Do, event organizers simply need to go to <https://www.shepherdpress.com/> and type in the coupon code: *Harvey* to receive the discount.

For I Still Do materials (trade book, study guide or the 31 Day devotional), event organizers can secure a 50% discount by contacting Adam Lorenz (alorenz@BakerPublishingGroup.com). *I Still Do* book are 32 copies per case; the *I Still Do* Devotional are 24 copies per case. Baker covers shipping on stock sent to the designated event organizer and will take also back any unpurchased copies.

Baker has sent along these directions:

- A monthly code is offered that allows for a 50% discount, free standard shipping, and free returns.

- Orders need to be submitted 10-14 business days ahead of time to ensure on time delivery.
- Returns must be setup through the store, via the email receipt you receive and a call tag is issued for the amount of remaining books. This then means it must happen after the event.

8) If we do an event, are there support materials already available for use?

Yes. For information on study guides, schedules, marriage games and additional material that can be easily adapted for your event, just contact Dave at dave@revdaveharvey.com.

Message quotes are also available.

9) What if we want follow-up materials for small group discussion or personal study?

A survey of additional materials can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Also, [the WSSID video series](#) is available. These sessions are between 20 and 30 minutes long, which makes them ideal for Sunday school classes, small group settings, or even as a seminar or workshop for a follow-up marriage event. Included with the video is a link to a [PDF study guide](#) which can accompany the DVD and facilitate group discussion.

“Listen closely as Dave Harvey teaches on the struggles that characterize all marriages. His words are clear and inviting. He says it in a way that is fresh and humble. He cuts to the heart of what all of us are like—people needing daily, freely-given mercies from the Lord. And he cuts to the heart of what all of us need—not self-help, not a pep talk, not a few tips, but an active Savior. Listen, take to heart, and you will grow wiser as a husband or wife.”

—**David Powlison**, Executive Director, CCEF; Senior Editor, *Journal of Biblical Counseling* (David passed away in June of 2019).

Other helps for training, discussion or promotion:

- Video by Dave on [“What To Do When Your Dreams for Marriage Are Disappointed”](#).
- Article from AnnVoskamp.com
 - [The Mirror of Every Marriage: Hope for Every Family](#)
- Articles from Desiring God
 - [Three Lies that Separate Spouses](#)
 - [For Better or Worse](#)
 - [Desiring God interview with Dave](#)

- Articles from TGC
 - [In Marriage As In Life, Weak Is Strong](#)
 - [6 Surprises Every Premarital Counselor Should Cover](#)
 - [I Still Do \(book review\)](#)
 - [I Still Do \(review in Themelios\)](#)

10) Who has been helped by Dave's marriage events?

Dave has traveled around the US and abroad doing marriage events from his written materials. A sampling of churches and/or ministries where Dave has served includes:

- Capitol Hill Baptist Church (Washington, DC)
- Parkside Presbyterian Church (Cleveland, Ohio)
- The CCEF National Conference
- College Church in Wheaton (Chicago, Illinois)
- Crossway Church (Kenosha, Wisconsin)
- Fiel Pastors Conferences (Brazil)
- Christ Church (Newport, Wales UK)
- Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Houston, Texas)
- Biblical Counseling Training Center (Phoenix, Arizona)
- Sojourn Community Church (Louisville, KY)
- The Orchard Evangelical Church (Chicago, Illinois)
- Reston Bible Church (Reston, VA)
- The Institute of Christian Counseling and Discipleship (San Diego, California)
- Summit Church (Fort Myers, FLA)
- Resurrection Church (Tacoma, Washington)
- Reformed Theological Seminary (Charlotte, NC)

11) Can we get a bio for Dave?

Yes. Simply click [here](#) for the bio.

12) What are the event fees?

It's customary for the hosting church or ministry to assume responsibility for travel, hotel and food costs. Groups often prefer to invite Kimm, a gesture that is deeply appreciated but certainly not required.

The speaker fees are as follows:

- Full conference or retreat (3–4 messages and Q & A) - \$3500
- Individual marriage message(s) – To be discussed

Please contact us if this fee structure would impose a financial burden on your church or organization. Teaching this material is a privilege for Dave and ultimately represents a ministry and an opportunity to serve.

13) How do ministries who have hosted a marriage event describe their experience?

"Most marriage seminars teach you about communication, finances, or sex. While all of this is important, as someone who wants to think distinctively as a Christian, I want more. Dave Harvey's marriage seminar, based on his popular book When Sinners Say 'I Do', was a blessing to our church. He was soundly biblical, honest about sin's dreadful effects on marriage, and glorious in its pointing to mercy and forgiveness found through the Cross."

Deepak Reju
Pastor of Counseling and Family Ministry
Capitol Hill Baptist Church (Washington, DC)
Author of *On Guard* and *The Pastor and Counseling*

"We were so well-served as a church by the "When Sinners Say I Do" retreat. The sessions were rich—thoroughly grounded in the freeing truth of the gospel and, at the same time, immensely practical. Marriages in our church were both envisioned and strengthened."

Mike Bullmore, Senior Pastor,
CrossWay Community Church, Bristol, Wisconsin.

"As a pastor, I'm constantly looking for ways to strengthen and enrich the marriages of our church family. Having Dave Harvey come and offer valuable teaching from his excellent book, When Sinners Say 'I Do' has proven to be a key investment for us, and we continue to see the fruitfulness from his time with us."

Jonathan Holmes, Counseling Pastor, Parkside Church
(Cleveland, OH);
Council Member, Biblical Counseling Coalition

Dave excels at bringing the heart of the gospel to the heart of marriage in his "When Sinners Say I Do" conference. He does so with warmth, candor, humor, and a servant's heart. This material is for all marriages, regardless of how long or strong your marriage is- you'll be blessed.

John Rogers - Pastor, Discipleship & Family Ministry
Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church – Houston, Texas

"There are as many ideas, techniques and opinions on how to improve our marriages as there are different marriage seminars available! What we so appreciated about WSSID was that it was really only about one thing: applying the gospel. Dave Harvey graciously and humorously helped us reconsider the motives of our hearts rather than looking for a quick fix for the challenges that are common to us all. In bringing us back to the mercy we've received in Christ, he not only instructed us, but more important, motivated us to want to be more like Jesus to each other in our marriages and relationships. A day well spent with lasting effect!"

Pete Greasley, Lead Pastor,
Christ Church (Newport Wales, UK)

"Dave Harvey was our guest speaker at our BCTC Fall Conference. Using his material from When Sinners Say 'I Do', he did a wonderful job in pointing out how the gospel is much needed in the everyday life of a married Christian couple.

Darrell Gustafson - Grace Covenant Church, Gilbert, AZ
Director of Grace Covenant Counseling Center
Director of Biblical Counseling Training Center of AZ
(ACBC Certified)

“Dave Harvey’s teaching from When Sinners Say ‘I Do’ has been a tremendous blessing to people in the Portuguese speaking world. Dave’s book, published almost 10 years ago, continues to be one of the most popular titles we have ever published in this category despite the fact that we offered the book as a free download to countless thousands of online readers!”

Rick Denham

Executive Director - Fiel Ministries (Brazil)

14) Can we get graphics of the book covers?

Yes. See below.

When Sinners Say *"I Do"*

Discovering the Power of
the Gospel for Marriage

A photograph of a bride and groom from behind, standing in a field of tall green grass. The groom is wearing a black tuxedo jacket over a white shirt, and the bride is wearing a white wedding dress with a long veil. They are looking out over a vast, green landscape under a clear blue sky.

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FOREWORD BY PAUL DAVID TRIPP

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*Growing Closer and Stronger
Through Life's Defining Moments*

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31 Days to a Stronger Marriage

