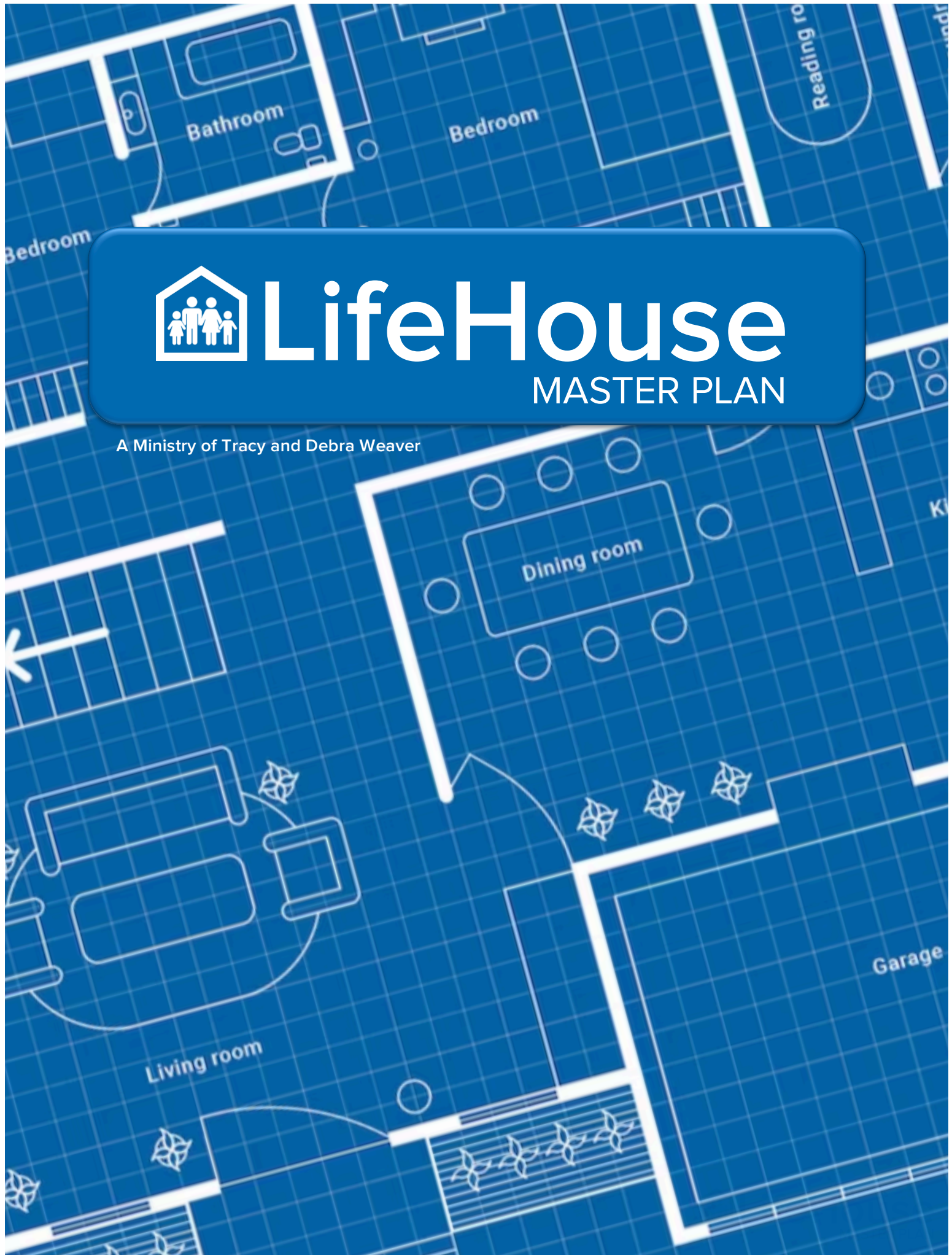




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A Ministry of Tracy and Debra Weaver





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The LifeHouse Master Plan is a remarkable experience for any couple who wants to identify their unique God-designed purpose and mission.

LifeHouse Master Plan is a process that equips you for living your life, loving your spouse, and raising your children *with an intentional plan* that places Jesus at the center of it all.

As the following pages will explain the LifeHouse Master Plan process will guide you in thinking through and writing out you personal convictions and intentions regarding six core Master Plan segments:

***Segment #1 – Your Purpose***

***Segment #2 – Your Values***

***Segment #3 – Family Norms and Roles***

***Segment #4 – Key Responsibility Areas (KRA's) and Goals***

***Segment #5 – Communication***

***Segment #6 – Decision Making, Authority and Accountability***

By the end of our time together you will have crafted a personal Master Plan document that will enhance your marriage, guide your life direction, and clarify your decision-making for years to come.

The LifeHouse Master Plan experience involves nine 90-minute Zoom sessions over nine months (February – October 2024), AND meeting weekly with your spouse/fiancée to discuss and craft your personal response to each of the core segments.

Our discussions will be lively and life giving. Your preparation ahead of time will prepare you to be blessed and be a blessing to others. You will not only benefit from working through the core segments, but we are excited about the potential impact that this community of couples will have in each others lives.

If you would like to register for LifeHouse Master Plan or would like more information, please email Tracy Weaver at [TracyDWeaver@gmail.com](mailto:TracyDWeaver@gmail.com).

Blessings,





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**LifeHouse** is a ministry of Tracy and Debra Weaver to couples who are devoted to Jesus and desire their homes to be a place where Jesus (*the way, the truth and the life*) is welcome and present. A LifeHouse is a home where people encounter Jesus together, growing in their relationship with him and with one another.

*“Jesus entered a village and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.” – Luke 10:38*

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A **LifeHouse Master Plan**, then, is a dynamic long-term planning document that provides a conceptual layout to guide the future growth and development of your marriage and family life in relationship with Jesus. **The Master Plan is not a rigid set of rules to live by but rather an intentional expression of your shared values with specific thought applied to several key areas to serve as a helpful guide in living out your life purpose.**

*Imagine the impact of living your life, loving your spouse, and raising your children with an intentional plan that places Jesus at the center of it all.*

The **LifeHouse Master Plan process** will guide you through the steps of creating your own personalized Family Master Plan, identifying your biblical purpose and the unique convictions of your marriage / family. Living “*on purpose*” will strengthen your relational bonds and provide direction and clarity in your decision-making.

Each step or segment invites you into a meaningful conversation with your spouse in order to begin crafting words to describe your unique expression of that topic. A sample of Tracy and Debra Weaver’s Master Plan will be provided in order to stimulate your thinking.

## LifeHouse Master Plan Segments

The LifeHouse Master Plan process will guide you through the following core segments.

### ***Segment #1 – Your Purpose***

Family Purpose provides the reason for the family’s existence and the direction for setting mutually agreed-upon goals. Purpose is informed by your relationship with God, how He has uniquely gifted you (*spiritual gifts*), and your sense of what He has called you to give your lives to as a couple or family (*calling and vision*).

### ***Segment #2 – Your Values***

Values form the beginning of living a life of purpose. Values are enduring beliefs, convictions or principles that you hold firmly. They will guide your actions and inform your decisions. Living your values is one of the most powerful tools available to you to help you be the person you want to be, to help accomplish your goals and dreams, and to help you lead and influence others (*your family*).

### ***Segment #3 – Family Norms and Roles***

**Family norms** clarify the behaviors expected from each family member. They provide a mechanism for holding each other accountable for agreed-on behavior within the family (or on a team).

The Bible speaks powerfully as to how the members of God's family (and ours) are to treat one another as we walk life together. These family 'norms' or ground rules can most easily be seen in the many "one another" or "each other" statements in the New Testament. For example: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

**Family Roles** provide clarity and direction for the distinct contribution and responsibility of each family member. The bible provides wisdom for identifying family roles.

#### **Husbands**

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ... husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church -- for we are members of his body. Ephesians 5:25,28-30

#### **Wives**

"Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything." Ephesians 5:22-24

#### **Children**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" -- which is the first commandment with a promise -- "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3

### ***Segment #4 – Key Responsibility Areas (KRA's) and Goals***

**Key responsibility areas** – are the major functions that must be attended to in order to achieve the family's purpose.

**Goals** – are the measurable outcomes that track progress towards making the family's purpose a reality.

Sample KRA's might include: 1. Marriage Relationship 2. Physical Well-being 3. Children 4. Spiritual Well-being 5. Financial Stewardship 6. Personal Development

**Example KRA #1:** Marriage Relationship – We will unconditionally love and support each other in all aspects of our life.

#### **Sample SMART GOAL:**

We will be best friends and therefore share in at least one special activity per week.

### ***Segment #5 – Communication***

Communication is the lifeblood of the family. How, what, and how often life-giving communication takes place greatly affects the family's success. The sharing of information is vitally important for Empowerment, Commitment, Involvement and Informed decision-making.



## ***Segment #6 – Decision Making, Authority and Accountability***

A clearly defined approach to authority, responsibility, decision-making, and accountability in a family (organization or team) helps to promote unity, motivation, and loyalty. There are a variety of methods for making decisions. You will be invited to consider different approaches and then agree on the strategy that works best for you.

Jesus provides the ultimate example of servant leadership by sacrificing His life to meet the real needs of those He loved. As the leader, He promoted dialogue by asking questions; He gave assignments with guidelines and then allowed individual freedom in the carrying of those assignments; and as one *“having all authority”* He delegated authority to His disciples, empowering them to move forward and influence others.

### **In Conclusion ...**

Very few people invest the time and thought to put words to their identity, calling, and gifts as a married couple (or family) in order to envision and articulate their unique purpose for serving the living God. Imagine the impact such a process will have on your marriage and your ability to influence the lives of others through your home and married life.

We invite you to join us in this strategic process. Our prayer is that your work of crafting your LifeHouse Master Plan will serve to strengthen your relationship with your spouse (and family members) and provide a strong sense of purpose and calling as you move forward in life together, for the glory of God.



*Mary & Debra*