

NOT WORTH SAVING

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READER'S GUIDE

Overall Prompt Questions

When reading through the book, ask yourself two basic questions about each chapter:

- What are the lessons learned in this chapter?
- How do they apply to the context of my life, church, community and/or world?

25 Self-Guided Questions

Page	Questions to Contemplate
5	• When has God made sense out of something non-sensical in your life?
6	• Who is in your village of supporters? • Do they come from different “states”...in other words, from different areas of your life? • What makes a good citizen in your village?
20	• When did light pierce the darkness in your life? • How has God created good in any particular situation in your life?
21	• How have you recovered from a major loss in your life? • What were the most effective approaches? • How has God shown you that with Him all is possible?
22	• How does/should the role of the church change in good or bad times? • Is it changing now?
23	• Do you know anyone who has left the faith and then come back to it? • What pushed them away? Was it something large or small? • What drew them back?
24	• Who is the “Other Rock” in your life? • Do you have more than one rock, perhaps for different situations in your life?
27	• Have you ever experienced “white-coat syndrome,” where you accepted a doctor’s authority but should have questioned it further?
31	• Have you ever accepted responsibility or felt guilty about something that wasn’t really your problem?

33	● How has a quality-of-life decision led to an end-of-life decision in your life, for example with a person or a pet?
34	● If no father would want harm to come to a child, where do you think God is when someone gets sick? ● Why do you think bad things happen to good people?
35	● When was a time when you didn't know exactly what you were doing or where you were going, but you still kept smiling? ● How did it work out?
38	● What would be the song of your life? ● What would be the key refrain?
39	● Whom do you know who inspires the impossible? ● Have you ever put blinders on and just selfishly thought of yourself and/or your family even though God was calling you to action?
42	● When did you have your eyes wide open to God? ● What were the benefits of that awareness? ● What were the drawbacks that concerned you?
47	● Are you being called to rest or to act? ● What gives you the belief that the worst is never the last? ● What good has come from a bad situation in your life?
50	● When did you allow or not allow God into your life? ● What were the consequences?
54	● What are some examples from your own life for each line of the "Life Is..." poem?
78	● Has your prayer ever been answered before you even finished praying, such as having an immediate insight into the right path forward?
88	● How do each of the 9 maxims about suffering apply to your life?
90	● Have you ever "bargained" with God? What was the outcome? ● Is it ever appropriate to "bargain" with God?
96	● When has your faith been tested and then strengthened even more? ● Have you ever used that experience in witness with others?
98	● When in your life did you succeed because you "put your own oxygen mask on first" and took care of yourself before others?
107	● Instead of "giving until it hurts," have you ever tried "giving until it stopped hurting"? What was the result?
142	● What gifts are you giving in your life?

