

Courageous Discussion Questions

- 1) In the Medieval Era, supernatural occurrences like Sapphira's vision were generally accepted by the church. Today churches vary in their views concerning the supernatural. What views have you experienced? What do you believe about the supernatural?
- 2) Sapphira had a very rich prayer life, and as the book continued, many of the other characters grew in the area of prayer. How is your prayer life? Did anything in the story encourage you to press deeper into prayer?
- 3) Rosalind, Randel, and the children all grew very close during this book, due to their shared mission. Have you ever been a part of a shared mission? Did you enjoy the experience? Did you grow close to your team members?
- 4) Early in the book, Rosalind can't forgive herself for aborting her baby. Have you ever had a hard time forgiving yourself for something? Do you think there is any sin too big to be forgiven?
- 5) In modern terms, Randel is suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Have you or anyone close to you dealt with PTSD due to war or other bad experiences? What do you think might help a person through PTSD?
- 6) Randel wasn't necessarily the tough alpha male typical of romance novels. What were Randel's appealing qualities? What type of man makes a good husband in real life?
- 7) The Bible is clear that sex outside of marriage is a sin, but beyond that different denominations and groups view purity in different ways. What are your views on purity? Do you think the quest for purity can ever become unbalanced and cause problems in other important areas?
- 8) Did you learn anything new about the Muslim religion from the story? Have you ever had any Muslim friends or acquaintances? Do you think Sapphira handled her friendship with Fatima well?
- 9) Grace and redemption are important themes in this book. Is there anything a person can do to earn their own redemption? How does redemption come? How are grace and redemption illustrated in the story?
- 10) Randel struggles between duty to family and following his own dreams. Which do you think is more important? Where does God's guidance come into play?
- 11) When God's light is shined onto Randel's and Rosalind's situations, they begin to see themselves through new eyes. How does God shine His light into our lives? What will change when we see things from His perspective?
- 12) Do you think the leaders of Sapphira's crusade made any mistakes? Might any tragedies have been averted if they made different choices, or was this simply the way the story needed to play out?