

REDEEMING THE STORY

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR THOUGHT

STORY: *Memoirs*, Chapter 6, Surprised by Trauma

1. What were some of Joni's "symptoms" of worldly sorrow?

2. Did anyone recognize the passage in Ephesians that described her state of mind?

3. How did trying a different game plan (getting married and having a baby) affect her worldly sorrow?

4. How did her worldly sorrow affect her authenticity with others?

5. What were two problems with her asking God forgiveness repeatedly?

6. What other people were affected by Joni's worldly sorrow?

7. If Joni would have responded with godly sorrow in her first pregnancy, how might circumstances and her future had a different outcome?

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We will discuss *Memoirs* Chapters 8-12 in the ***Be the SOLUTION*** course

STORY: The Unwed Mothers

1. What was the rule about women becoming pregnant while residing in the church-sponsored housing?

2. What kinds of discipleship was provided to help these women understand biblical values regarding morality?

3. What kind of grace was given when a resident failed in their rule and became pregnant?

4. What did the women who found themselves pregnant do?

5. How could the program leaders have responded redemptively to their pregnant residents?

6. What do you think is a good point in which to begin discipling a young pregnant woman in purity?

STORY: The Disobedient Little Boy

1. What happened when the boy disobeyed his mom and ran into the street?

2. How did the mother respond when her son was hit by a truck?

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3. Read together John 8:1-11

4. How did Jesus respond to the woman caught in adultery?

PRAYER TIME:

1. Let's take time to repent together on behalf of the body of Christ in Colorado Springs that we have allowed abortion to go unchecked in our churches.
2. Let's ask God to show us how to break the strongholds of the enemy on the church, breaking the fear and the silence of the church in multiple congregations in our city.
3. Let's ask God to show us how to stand as watchers over our young people and young adults so that no more Christians will make the choice to end the lives of their children and have lifelong sadness over the loss.
4. Let's ask God to use us to bring testimony to young people, young adults, and their parents to choose life.
5. Let's ask God to break open the dams preventing men and women from repenting of their abortions in churches across this city so they might begin healing.
6. Let's ask God to bring people back to His church through our repentance.
7. Allow the Spirit to guide you in closing this prayer time.

If doing this class with a group:

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

- Pre-class reading for Session 8
- Take a few moments this week to think about and jot down what an apology on behalf of the church for someone who lost a child to abortion.

QUESTIONS AND CLOSING THOUGHTS

CLOSING PRAYER