



“VOICES FROM THE STORM”

Discussion Questions

Introduction

1. At the start of the film, the narrator says, “We all talk to God.” When do you talk to God? On a regular basis? During times of crisis? During times of abundant blessings? Do you take your problems to God in prayer?
2. What are some of the storms you’ve experienced in your life? Did you bring your problems to God at those times? How did God respond?
3. Sometimes God is silent in response to our prayer. Why do you think this is so? What advice do you have for those who are frustrated by God’s silence?
4. Have you ever experienced a challenge that led you into a deeper conversation with God? What was the challenge, and where did the conversation with God end?

Artis: You Don’t Have to Look for him, He’s there.

5. Artis faced the loss of her leg and her husband, and found herself despairing. What events/reasons moved her from despair to hope?
6. Artis talks about how not having money frees her from worry. She says if she had an extra dollar she’d just be worrying about what to spend it on. How can simplifying your life make you more free in your relationship with God?
7. How does society’s vision of wealth differ from Artis’?
8. Artis says that God is always there, that you don’t have to look for him. When have you had an experience of the presence of God in your life?
9. For those who are not so confident of God’s presence, where are some places to begin a search for God?



David

10. In the midst of his despair, David felt the only gift he had to give those he loves was his death. How does despair keep us from seeing clearly about our relationships? How can we reach out to those we love when they are depressed or despairing?
11. David speaks of a wall he had built around himself that prevented him from accepting himself. What are the walls you build around yourself? Why do you build them? What are some ways to avoid building walls that keep us from accepting the love of God and others?
12. David speaks of a nurse who told him, “Jesus still loves you,” as making a difference in his life. Are there people in your life who have made comments that have made a profound difference in your life?
13. What opportunities do you have to make a difference in the lives of others through a simple comment?
14. David says he began building his wall at the age of 16. What factors contribute to the ability of people to isolate themselves from family and friends?
15. How/why does solidarity demand that we work to bring down the walls people build around themselves?

Trinidad and Ronnie

16. Trinidad says she prays, “God, are you listening?” and God sends her help in the kindness of people. Have you ever received an answer to a prayer in the form of the kindness of others? What are some ways that you could provide help to others through your kindness?
17. Trinidad says there is no money for doctors for her son. What changes in our health care system can help people like Ronnie and Trinidad get the care they require?
18. Trinidad says that God says, “Call on me.” When the poor call on God, do we hear their cries? How do we respond?
19. Trinidad says we must continue to follow God and not faint on the way. What are some of the ways that we “faint” while we are following God?
20. Trinidad speaks of “waiting for God,” in times of sadness, hunger, poverty...tomorrow, and tomorrow and tomorrow ...continuing to wait on God. Are you willing to wait for God in times of trouble in your life? How long will you continue to wait for God without giving up hope?
21. Ronnie tells of praying to God and recovering a small amount of his sight. When you pray, are you satisfied with a small answer from God, or does your faith rely on a complete answer?



Retha

22. Retha tells of her experiences with homelessness, including her visits to Bible study while living in her car. In meditating on the Word, she believes that “God will supply all my needs and will equip to do the job that I’ve been given.” In what ways does God supply your needs? In what ways has God equipped you with what you need to do the job God has given you? What is the job that God has given you?
23. Retha says you have to be willing to “tell on yourself.” Are you willing to tell on yourself? If you had the opportunity to speak with God today, what would you tell God about yourself that needs to be transformed?
24. Do you speak the Word to yourself? Are you willing to become transformed in ways that God has planned for you? What ways do you think God is calling you to change?
25. Retha says that God’s grace is “new each day.” What are some examples of the new grace God gives you today?

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