

THE FALLOUT AFTER THE SOLAR FLARE

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1. As the story opens, Grace and David are just returning from their honeymoon, and the family has to adjust to David living in the house with them now. Which family member do you think will have the most difficult time adjusting to his presence? Which of the kids do you think will be most challenging for David to deal with? Do you think David is nervous about the transition? Is Grace?
2. What do you think about Faith's relationship with Spencer? What is your initial impression of him? Does that impression change as the story progresses? Do you think more or less of him by the end?
3. How well do you think Grace handled the discussion in Chapter 5 with Faith after learning she had been sneaking Spencer into her room? Should Grace have been more strict? If she'd handled things differently, do you think that would have affected Faith's future decisions? Is that even a fair question?
4. Talk about David's method of discipline in Chapter 7, where he refuses to take Jackson to practice. Is he overreacting, or is he setting a good precedent from the start?
5. Discuss Grace's fears about Gram in Chapter 17. Do you know anyone with Alzheimer's? Have you wondered the same thing as Grace? Do you think David's response is appropriate?
6. Have you ever been in a situation like Aaron, where you felt like you had to break a promise in order to do the right thing? Was Aaron justified in breaking his promise?

7. Grace and David are placed in a difficult situation after learning Faith's news. Discuss each of their reactions and the way they responded to Faith. What did each of them do well? What could they have done better?
8. Is it fair of David to blame himself for "not protecting" Faith? He seems to carry a lot of guilt over failing as a father and even as a husband. Is he taking his responsibility as the head of the household seriously, or do you think he takes it too far?
9. What about Pastor Lixon's response to Faith's confession? He asks her, "Are you truly sorry for your sin, or just sorry you got caught?" Is this an appropriate question or not?
10. How do you think the book portrays babies—as a gift from God or as a burden? Do you think different characters would answer this question differently? Consider Grace and Faith's discussion in Chapter 22 (specifically page 180) as well as Faith's reaction to the baby shower in Chapter 37. Does the book overstate the case that babies are a lot of work, or does it paint a realistic picture of what to expect?
11. Talk about the different responses to Faith's news by different characters: Aaron, her family, Pastor, Spencer, Leonard and Vivian Young, Clay Henderson, George and Cynthia McDowell, and the two unknown women in Chapter 33. Do you think all reactions are realistic? Which reaction would most closely match your own, or do you think it depends upon the situation?
12. How did the characters grow throughout this book, and in what ways? Did Faith's situation contribute to their growth individually and as a family? How do you see God at work even through the sins and mistakes of His children?