

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Tenley has reached rapid success. Now she's afraid she's a fraud. Fear has paralyzed her. Have you let a fear hinder you? Or someone you know? How can you conquer it? Remember, fear is not your leader!
2. Birdie is trapped in high society. She has more than most can dream of but her personal freedom. Can you think of a time society, or fear of what others thought, kept you from pursuing your own dream?
3. How do we respect the conventions of society, honor our families, yet pursue the things God has put on our hearts? Share times God has opened doors for you.
4. Elijah is another one trapped in societal convention. Would you marry for money? Would you marry for position? Our ancestors did it quite often.
5. Tenley is estranged from her mother for good reason. But there's a longing to be with her. Do you have a relationship that's strained? How can you begin to mend it? Forgiveness doesn't mean the other person was right.
6. Birdie also struggles with her mother. How can we love our parents yet not be crushed. How can we love our children yet not dominate them?

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7. Jonas is a great guy! I loved writing him. How can we model his generous heart in our every day lives?
8. Tenley wears the robe, literally, of her anticipated failure. While you may not get up every day and put on an old robe, are you seeing yourself dressed as a failure? How can you be transformed by renewing your mind. Romans 12:1-2?
9. Walking down the aisle, Birdie knew her life was no longer hers. Yet, God had a surprise planned. Share times God broke into your life and things changed!
10. Tenley justifies her actions with the book she finds in the desk. Did you relate to her or were you disgusted? Be honest, under pressure, how many of us would've done the same thing? Or in fact have done something similar. (P.S. I have indeed written all of my books!)
11. It's the massive failure with the book that causes Tenley to woman-up. It's the best thing that could've happened to her. How has failure or disappointment worked for good in your life?
12. Birdie is quite humble in her journey. Would you do what she did for Gordon Phipps Roth?