Thought-Provoking Questions for Discussion

Now that you have read *Chosen*, let’s talk. Grab your reading friends, book club members and have fun.

1. Joel had God’s favor, wealth, unprecedented wisdom, purpose, and tremendous appeal, but he lost his edge. Where did he go wrong? Compare to the lifestyle of King Solomon (1Kings, chapter 11).

2. After 25-30 years, why is Madeline still angry and Sherry insecure? What could or should Dave have done to resolve the conflict between his ‘wives’?

3. If Joel splits up the ministry, did Dave make the right decision in appointing him as CEO? How does God’s plan change when we fail?

4. Abigail is torn between love and loyalty? Did Joel misled her romantically? Was Abigail right in waiting for Joel to initiate the relationship or should she have taken the first step and approached him?

5. How can Dave have such a strong relationship with the Lord while the rest of his family is either struggling with or flat out rejecting religion?

6. King Solomon was chosen by God to rule after his father (King David). How does an older child handle being overshadowed by a younger sibling?

7. Should or shouldn’t Tamara return to the family?

8. King David was a mighty warrior who defeated the giant (Goliath) as a young boy. He was honorable but also a man plagued with horrific challenges and sin that fell upon his family. Yet, David is not remembered for his shortcomings. He’s revered as ‘the man after God’s own heart’. Why isn’t he framed by his mistakes? Does forgiveness always, sometimes, or never erase consequences?

9. Should Don stay in South Africa and continue building LTI or return home to run DMI?
10. What was Big Mama’s warning to Joel?

11. Abigail didn’t seem attracted to Don, yet he was clearly smitten with her. Should he have told her about his feelings upfront? Why didn’t he?

12. Describe the connection between Sheba and Joel? For extra drama, check out the Queen of Sheba’s visit to see King Solomon? (1Kings, chapter 10)

13. Madeline was with Dave when he passed. What do you think about that? Are you glad or sad for Sherry? Do you see Sherry as a victim or a villain?

14. Describe Don’s feeling towards his father (love, indifference, resentment)? What’s worse: Don feeling rejected while his father was alive or guilty for not resolving their issues before Dave died? Is there anyone you need to forgive and go a step farther to reconcile? Don’t wait. Today is the day for a fresh start.