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Discussion Questions

1. The Rau family moved to Germany for financial stability and not because the Lord called them there. Once there, Jordan's lukewarm faith destroyed his family. Has mediocre Christianity (yours or someone else's) affected your life? How?
2. When Chase and Heather initially go missing, Jordan and Susan respond very differently. How do their individual responses set up the rest of the story?
3. Think of a time in your own life when you responded with faith or with a lack of faith. How did your response affect your experience?
4. After he learned of his son's murder, Jordan had no faith that the civil authorities would bring the killers to justice. What was behind his lack of trust? How did this reflect his relationship with the Lord?
5. Almost immediately after the murder, Jordan began to abandon the family members he had left. What is the difference between taking time to grieve and emotionally withdrawing altogether? How could he have better supported his wife and daughter?
6. Several times in the book, characters reference Job 13:15 (NIV), "Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him." Has this verse ever seemed to apply to your life? How can hope be found in God, especially when it feels as though God is slaying you?
7. When Jason Faircloth shared his testimony with the church in

- Detroit, he said, “The American church, generally speaking, possesses very little openness, honesty, and realism.” Do you agree with this statement? If so, how does this affect the faith of American Christians?
8. Jason talks about pastors leading by example. How is this possible, and what does it look like?
 9. Susan struggles with depression throughout the story because of her son’s murder and her husband’s rage and need for revenge. Have you ever struggled with depression? How did you get through it? Does it still affect you?
 10. How does depression affect loved ones?
 11. The friendship between Jason Faircloth and the Rau family is life-changing for the entire Rau family. Has God brought someone like that into your life either permanently or for a season? How might you be that kind of person for someone else in your life?
 12. Have you ever knowingly ignored the voice of God? How might that situation have turned out had you listened to God instead?
 13. What are the top three insights you gleaned from this story? What significance do they bear in your life?
 14. What steps might you take to implement personal change in congruence with these insights?