

NEW MAN JOURNEY

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Chapter 2

1. Do you ever find yourself wishing you could linger a bit longer to talk to friends about things beyond the usual topics? More personal? Even spiritual?
2. If you were asked to describe the real depth of your relationship with your wife, what would that be?
3. What if you could read other people's thoughts and impressions about you? Would you be surprised? Pleased? Mortified? Embarrassed? Would it drive you to self-examination and change?
4. Does your image of men you admire include those who cry and open up to others?
5. What might compel you to go looking for some "missing part" in your life?
6. What is your idea of a "normal" amount of faith?
7. Are you uncomfortable around those you consider too evangelical? Why?
8. Have you ever taken or considered taking a "leap of faith"? What would that be?
9. Have you considered or tried different venues for exploring your faith?
10. Did this chapter make you a little uncomfortable? Why?

Chapter 3

1. Would you consider yourself primarily an inward- or outward-oriented person?
2. What does your inward life look like? What themes most occupy your thoughts?
3. Do you periodically ask specific questions of God? Do you get answers? How?
4. Do you actively involve God in your thoughts, considerations, and decisions?
5. If yes, how has that worked out for you?
6. How attached are you to your past work experiences and accomplishments?
7. To what degree does your current or past professional life secure your identity?
8. Are there moments in your life that you wish you could "claw back" and redo?
9. What would you have done differently? What difference would that have made?

Chapter 4

1. How did you answer the “What do you deserve for the life you’ve lived” question?
2. Did your answer change after our examination of the John 3:16 verse?
3. Do you consider your sins to be little ones or big ones, minor or major?
4. Have you considered how much you are influenced by your lower nature?
5. Can you relate to Paul’s “I do not understand what I do” dilemma? His victory?
6. Are you able to identify the areas in your lower nature that require removal?
7. What progress have you made, or not made, in those areas?
8. How did Gary come to the place he was in his marriage? Have you been there?
9. How would you describe where you are on the river of life? Any danger ahead?

Chapter 5

1. How much space would God occupy in a picture of your heart?
2. Can you relate to Paul’s lower- and higher-nature battle? Give some examples.
3. Would you consider yourself a candidate for incremental improvement or for radical surgery?
4. What does Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 3:14–19 mean to you?
5. Can you relate to the new operating system download analogy? How?
6. Did you check the New Man operating system agreement box? If yes, why? If no, why not?
7. Perhaps you checked that box earlier in life? If so, did you fully understand the terms?
8. Tom’s conversion was dramatic. Can you relate to it on any level? How?

Chapter 6

1. What was the turning point in Gary and Audrey’s relationship?
2. What was the key to their long-term success?
3. How, if at all, does your marriage resemble theirs? Would you want what they had?
4. Which choices, good or bad, have had the most profound effects on your life?

5. Which of those would you reverse if you could?
6. Give examples of how minor choices throughout your life had major effects.
7. How would you describe your future together to your wife? How would that go over with her?
8. Was there a time when you had to “grow up” in your relationship with your wife?
9. Would you say that you’re applying wisdom in your marriage? Other relationships? How?

Chapter 7

1. Before this book, what assessments did you apply to the term “born again”?
2. Have those changed? How?
3. What happens to your Old Man when you’re born again into Jesus’s kingdom?
4. What are the differences between a good and moral man and one born again?
5. Explain the snake skin, boiler, and new house analogies for the New Man.
6. Describe the purpose of the New Man.
7. What two things help avoid self-deception and enable one to remain true to that purpose?
8. What was Jesus’s ultimate test of Peter’s love? How did Peter respond to that test?
9. What’s the full job description of the New Man here on earth?
10. What’s your comfort level with the job? How would full commitment to it change your life?

Chapter 8

1. Can you relate to the “Footprints in the Sand” story? Have you felt carried by God?
2. Have you had an extraordinary experience that convinced you God was involved in your life or had your faith encouraged when you were in need of confirmation of His presence? Starter fertilizer, so to speak? If so, what was that?
3. What do Tom and Ray have in common in this chapter? What’s different?
4. Can you relate, on any level, to either Tom or Ray? If so, how?
5. What, if anything, do Brandy and Birgit have in common?
6. How would your wife have reacted in Brandy’s and Birgit’s situations? Consider asking her.
7. Can you think of other “masters,” besides God, that you serve? What are they?

8. What was your response to the “whole point of your life” exercise?
9. Did it change your perspective on your definition of success? How?
10. Has your view of your purpose and passion changed during this journey? How?

Chapter 9

1. Before this chapter, had you ever considered being a Christian a job?
2. In the context of the New Man, what’s the purpose of our earthly body?
3. What was Paul’s attitude toward his heavenly body?
4. What did Paul mean by not wanting to arrive “naked” at his “heavenly dwelling”?
5. Which Old Man “memory reflexes” do you find to be most persistent in your life?
6. What’s the best prescription for overcoming Old Man habits?
7. Why is Tom feeling so good after being forced by his partners to resign?
8. How would you handle his situation?