



Dog Biscuits

Extra Treats for Study and Reflection



Chapter 1: Enter His Gates with Your Tail Wagging

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT JOY



“She is the living, breathing, four-legged example of what it looks like to make an entrance expressing complete joy.”

Because Jesus Christ made the way for us to enter God’s presence, there are many reasons we can enter God’s presence with unrestrained, full joy. Do you feel free to relate to Him without fear and guilt? What have you learned about joyfulness before the Lord?

Chapter 2: Under the Popcorn Bowl

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT HOPE



“Sadie expects someone will give her corn, because she has experienced it countless times before.”

To bring us into a relationship with Himself, God didn’t spare His own Son. What does this show us about His mindset toward us? What have you learned about living hopefully in light of God’s character and actions?

Chapter 3: The Leash of Liberty

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT TRUST



“How is it that a set of do’s and don’ts—restraints that essentially limit what I can and cannot do—is freeing?”

God’s love and protection of us through His Word and through His sovereign direction in our lives might not always be easy to see or understand. Does it help to remember that He knows and sees so much more than we have the ability to know? What have you learned about obedience and trust?

Chapter 4: The Paw-Push Tail-Flick

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT PRAYER



“If it’s true that I never get tired of Sadie’s unique little personal request for what makes her happy, could it also be true that I don’t weary God with my requests?”

Scripture gives us countless invitations to bring our requests to God in prayer. But do we secretly wonder if we get on God’s nerves? Can we instead remember that He delights in us? What have you learned about prayer, and especially freedom in prayer?

Chapter 5: Socks and Closed Doors

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT FORGIVENESS



“But she never loses her permanent place of love and security in this house.”

Sin is something that will affect believers as long as we live. But it can never undo the once-and-forever security we have through Jesus Christ. But do we really believe this wondrous truth, or do we somehow feel that God holds grudges? What have you learned about forgiveness and the consequences of sin?

Chapter 6: Right by My Side

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT WORSHIP



“So loving the Sadie girl like I do, imagine how it delights me on those all-too-rare occasions when she comes and just sits by my side.”

Have you ever considered what God must feel when you enter His presence just because you are glad to be with Him? Have you ever thought about worship as a way of bringing pleasure to God? What have you learned about worship?

Chapter 7: Rescue

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT REAL LIFE



“He could not tolerate the broken lives, hopeless longing, and struggle for meaning that we experience when we are without Him. So, He came.”

God’s heart is moved with compassion for sinners. He didn’t stop at the pain and humiliation of the cross to save us from the deadliness of sin and life without Him. His love moved Him to action. What have you learned about where real life can be found? Do you need to be rescued? Do you know others who need to be rescued?