

DISCUSSION GUIDE

“I Didn’t Find Him, He Found Me”

with Nebiye Kelile



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1. 3:26—Does Neb’s description of his spirituality in his younger days resonate with you? When you attended church as a child, did you do so willingly, or were you, like him, “drug” there by your parents? Was there any point when you really started paying attention to the service and engaging with the readings or sermons?
2. 6:27—Does Neb’s statement about the people you feel comfortable with when you’re down and out echo in your own life? When you were at your lowest moments, who were you more likely to seek out—upstanding people who would challenge you and help you turn things around, or people in your same situation who helped satisfy your desires but not your real needs?
3. 9:05—Have you ever had a “prodigal son” moment when you had to return to the safety and security of home after having lived in an irresponsible and ultimately unfulfilling way? How difficult was it to admit the path you chose had been a dead end? What reaction did you expect from the people you returned to, and what reaction did you actually receive?
4. 20:31—Outside your own family, who are some people who offered you good advice or a good example for how to live, and you didn’t realize it until many years later? How did you come to realize they’d had the right idea all along? Have you ever thanked them for what they tried to instill in you?

5. 27:27—On your spiritual journey, have there ever been times when you thought all you had to do was give up sin and indulgence? At what point did you understand that just giving things up wasn't enough, that you had to replace them with real devotion to God?

6. 33:26—Positively or negatively, did your view of or relationship with your own father color your perception of God? Did that make it harder for you to feel a connection with the Lord? As you've traveled your spiritual journey, have you been able to separate the two and understand that they're completely different?

7. 40:58—As Neb described the hangups or obstacles that can keep people from fully connecting to God through prayer, did you recognize any of them from your own prayer life? What is the single biggest thing you think you're lacking in the way you talk to God?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Joy in God Ministries website: joyingod.org
- *Joy in God* podcast