



Let It Be My Daughter's Legacy Reader's Guide/Book Club Questions

1) In Chapter 1, do you think Karla's mother described Karla's childhood character? What would you have like to have known more of?

Personal reflection – Have you ever tried to write about your child? How would you honestly describe them without bragging too much?

2) In Chapter 2, what are your thoughts about the doctor calling on a cell phone with this kind of information? Do you think the doctor could have handled the phone call differently?

Personal reflection – We have all blurted out things before asking, "Is this a good time to talk?" When was the last time you shared something with someone and after you began talking you realized the timing was not great?

3) In Chapter 3 Karla asks, "Mom, have you ever wondered what your funeral would look like?" Do you think Karla asked this question with peace and acceptance or with fear?

Personal reflection – Have you ever thought about your funeral? Who would come? What would they say about you?

4) In Chapter 3 Karla asks, "What about my headaches?" Do you feel it is a coincidence or faith that no headaches were complained about throughout Karla's journey since being diagnosed? *Fact: Headaches are a key symptom of Brainstem Glioma.*

Personal reflection – When was the last time you can recall that what *should* have happened did not and because of that you *knew* you were blessed?

5) In Chapter 5 Karla says, "Promise me, Mom, that you will always have hope, even when I can't." Do you feel Karla said that for herself when she needed to be reminded of hope or did she say it for her mother and those who would need it later?

Personal reflection – Can you ever recall saying something to someone and later finding out that those words made a difference in that person's life? How did that make you feel?

6) Do you feel that Karla knew, *truly knew*, the seriousness of her cancer? Should she have been told more?

Personal reflection – How would you have handled what to say in a situation this big?

7) In Chapter 15, could you feel the awkwardness that Karla's mom was feeling regarding Karla's wish granting?

Personal reflection – Can you ever recall having to break a rule because you knew it was the right thing to do? Or what about not breaking a rule and later realizing if you did break it, it would have made a happier memory and not have hurt anything?

8) Looking back to chapter 4, even though taking Karla on a plane was not recommended by her doctor, should her family have taken her to New York any way, even if they knew it could make Karla worse?

Personal reflection – Have you ever done something you were advised not to do? What was the outcome? Would you make the same decision?

9) In Chapter 22, what did you think Karla's response to the experimental chemo treatment was going to be? Did her response surprise you? Did Karla's parents make the right decision in allowing Karla to make her own choice?

Personal reflection – Have you ever had your faith tested in a situation? What was the result? Did you truly "Give it to God and let it be?"

10) In Chapter 30, how inspiring was Courtney's senior speech and sharing *her moment* with her best friend?

Personal reflection – Have you ever shared "your moment" with someone else? Why did you do it? How did it make you feel?

Has Let It Be My Daughter's Legacy inspired you to make a difference?

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