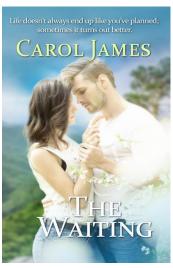
## **Discussion Questions**



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## THE WAITING

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## **About the Book**

When Katherine Herrington was a teenager, she made "The List" and believed God would bring her the husband she desired. That faith helped her to keep life under control just the way she likes it. But then Katherine loses her mother, her job, and her boyfriend, and after years of praying, she accepts the probability that God's answer is, "No."

A professional soccer player, Sam Tucker has lived the life of a celebrity in the UK only to discover that, despite all the wealth and fame he has acquired, his life is empty. He returns to the one place where life last had meaning, and goes in search of the one woman he's loved since he was a teenager—Katherine. He wonders if she'll remember him after all these years... And fears she just might.

As God weaves together a rejected proposal, a mission trip, and a devastating storm to turn their hearts toward Him and toward each other, Katherine and Sam will have to let go of their fears, find forgiveness and trust, and realize that their future together was worth the wait.

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Discussion:

Question 1: Katherine states that her lists are simply an organizational tool. Do you agree, or are they more than that?

Answer 1: They are her method of feeling in control of her life.

Question 2: Do you identify with Katherine's need/desire to always be in control or have things well-planned ahead of time? How do you react when things don't go as planned in your own life?

Answer 2: Open-ended

Question 3: Sam and Katherine have very different personalities. Do you believe opposites attract? Why?

Answer 3: Open-ended

Question 4: When did Katherine first begin to trust Sam?

Answer 4: When she was blindfolded while they danced together.

Question 5: Katherine's father challenges her beliefs by stating he is unsure God has only one person chosen for each of us to marry. Do you agree or disagree with him? Why?

Answer 5: Open-ended

Question 6: When has someone you loved challenged your beliefs? How did you react?

Answer 6: Open-ended

Question 7: For years Sam's life has been focused on fulfilling his desires. When he realizes his life is empty, he wants to change. Do you believe true, lasting change can really happen apart from God? Why or why not?

Answer 7: Open-ended

Question 8: Sam struggled with telling Katherine about his sexual history. Did he make a mistake by telling her? What might have happened if he'd never told her and left the past in the past?

Answer 8: Open-ended

Question 9: Katherine felt betrayed when Sam finally admitted his sexual impurity. Has there ever been a time when someone you trusted betrayed you? Were you able to forgive him or her?

## Answer 9 Open-ended

Question 10: Katherine and Sam are both searching for contentment in their lives. In what areas of your life do you share this quest?

Answer 10: Open-ended

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