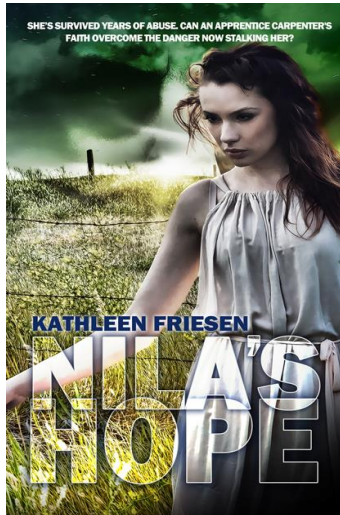


Discussion Questions



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About the Book

Just when her career as a carpenter and a relationship with Will Jamison are within reach, Nila Black's abusive ex-boyfriend is released from prison. He's out of jail, out for revenge, and making promises she knows he'll keep.

Nila will do anything it takes to save Will and her friends from the evil that will come their way if she doesn't put distance between them—even if it means abandoning her new-found faith. It will take a miracle and an angelic messenger to show Nila that God is her greatest protector. He has never left her side, and He wants only the best for her and for the man she loves.

TITLE: Nila's Hope

Discussion:

Question 1: Nila serves as a last-minute replacement maid of honour for her dear friend, a role that made her quite nervous. Have you ever been asked to step out of your comfort zone to help a friend? How did you respond?

Answer 1: 1 John 4:10-11 reminds us to love one another as God loves us.

Question 2: Just when she thought her dreams might come true, Nila gets a phone call that turns her world upside down. Can you relate? What happened?

Answer 2: Psalm 46: 1. We can trust God at all times and in every circumstances, because He is in control.

Question 3: Will's attraction to Nila grows, but so does his frustration at her withdrawal. Have you wanted to help someone, but they wouldn't allow it? How did you handle that?

Answer 3: Proverbs 17:17 encourages us to continue to love, even though problems.

Question 4: When Pastor Dave reads the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:16-16, Nila loses hope. Do we really have to forgive everything and everyone?

Answer 4: Yes. If we don't forgive, we make ourselves judges, taking God's position.

Question 5: Nila reads the first part of Psalm 10 and becomes so upset, she throws her Bible across the room. Why is it dangerous to take verses out of context? Have you ever done that?

Answer 5: Proverbs 2:3-5. God's word is not an appetizer buffet to be picked at. The more we read it with a prayerful attitude, the more we will understand.

Question 6: Will hires a crew to install a security system, but he cannot relax. He feels he must remain vigilant. Is he right, or is he showing a lack of faith?

Answer 6: Nehemiah 4:8-10. Nehemiah prompted the people to pray and stand guard when an enemy threatened. God rewarded their vigilance.

Question 7: In two different circumstances a mysterious woman offers Nila encouragement. Do you believe God sends angels to help us?

Answer 7: Hebrews 1:14 states clearly that angels are sent to protect and serve God's children.

Question 8: When Nila opens up to Will about her background, he is outraged and wants to lash out. Was he justified? Why or why not?

Answer 8: James 1:19-20. Man's anger does not produce righteousness. "Letting off steam" burns those around us.

Question 9: Nila is confused by Jesus' words in Luke 12:4-5. What does He mean?

Answer 9 As Lydia explains, we are to fear God because He IS God. But that is immediately followed by a reminder of His incredible care (verses 6-7).

Question 10: Why did Nila identify with Hagar (Genesis 16)? What was the name Hagar gave to Jehovah and why? How did it encourage Nila?

Answer 10: Both women suffered abuse and were essentially thrown away. El Roi means "Jehovah sees me." Nila clung to that as she faced her greatest threat.

