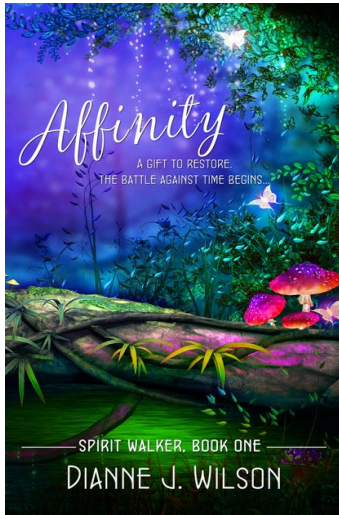


Discussion Questions



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About the Book

Kai was born with the ability to see brokenness and to fix it. But when a freak accident leaves him trapped in the spiritual realm, he discovers a sinister side to being gifted--a much darker than he'd ever imagined.

With Affinity Recruiters hunting him down, Kai has to learn how to stay alive, use his gift to save his friends and stop the flood of evil threatening the world. Can he do it before time runs out?

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Discussion:

Question 1: The Spirit Walker series grew out of one question... What if we could see in the Spirit? There are verses in the Bible that speak of the spiritual realm being real. Can you find any?

Answer 1: 2 Corinthians 4:18

Question 2: Near to the beginning of Affinity, Kai is in an accident and wakes up in a dark desert, drawn to burning gates. What do you think this scene symbolizes?

Answer 2: Kai is dying. At this point he is not yet a Believer and is on his way to Hell. John 3:16, John 3:36

Question 3: Tau is described by Kai as 'the man with Eternity in his eyes'. Who does he represent and why is he described in that way?

Answer 3: Tau represents Jesus. He was there from the beginning, he was part of the creation of the world in Genesis 1. He will be there all through time until the end – He is spoken of in the book of Revelation as well.

Question 4: In chapter 11, Kai is trapped in a bubble of rock. His way out leads him through a waterfall of red liquid and on the other side, He meets Tau. What is this sequence of events symbolic of?

Answer 4: This is Kai's moment of surrender to Jesus. He is stuck in a place that he cannot get out of by himself and calls out to God. God responds by showing him the way out – for Kai, it is through a curtain of red liquid. This represents him being washed in the blood that Jesus shed to buy us back from the enemy. As he says 'yes' to God by responding to God's call through the waterfall, he gets out of the place where he would surely have died and meets Tau.

Question 5: Evazee (Zee) keeps appearing and disappearing as Kai tries to figure out where he is and how to get home. The first time she appears is in the desert as he is being drawn to the burning gates. She stops him from certain death. Why do you think she keeps popping up in the spiritual realm?

Answer 5: Every time Evazee prays and intercedes for Kai, she gets to participate in what is happening to him. It is a fictional representation of the spiritual reality of what happens when we pray. Talking to Jesus is powerful and can shift things for others. We get to partner with God to change the lives of the people around us. Isn't that awesome?

Question 6: Evazee gives Kai a scroll map to help him. When he first opens it, the page is completely blank. Once Kai has surrendered to Tau, he begins to unlock a portion of the map. It is only when he and his friends hold on to the map together that it begins to shine its true usefulness. What does this map symbolize?

Answer 6: The written Word of God – the Bible. Before believing in Jesus, reading the Bible can seem confusing and not make sense at all. As a Believer, God gives us his Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth and teach us. Kai believed and it started to make more sense. God has given us Word and Spirit to teach us, lead us and guide us. Psalm 119:105 says, “Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” John 16:13 - But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

Question 7: LightSuckers plague Kai throughout the story. What do you think they represent?

Answer 7: LightSuckers represent all the small irritations that we experience in life, the set-backs and hold-ups that can slowly sap our enthusiasm, energy and faith. If we allow them to affect us, they will eventually suck all the joy from us and leave us in a place of not being able to trust that God is good and His intentions towards are good. Some examples: unforgiveness, lies, envy, hatred, mistrust, gossip, arguing, negativity.

Question 8: DarKounds are the other significant enemy that Kai needs to face. What, would you say, is their main tactic to bring down their prey?

Answer 8: They pick up on the fears of the person they have targeted and fill their subject’s mind with phrases designed to slash their confidence and belief in themselves and God. A DarKound symbolizes unbelief – the paralyzing opposite of Mark 9:23 “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

Question 9: When it comes to gifting, we have all been given natural and supernatural gifts. Your natural gifts can also be described as talents, the things that you are good at. Kai’s most obvious natural gift is playing guitar, Evazee has a way with words, Runt dances and Bree can paint. Make a list of all those things you consider to be your natural gifts and how you think Jesus could use them.

Answer 9 You might have found it hard to make a list of things that you’re good at. Figuring out your talents is not tricky, you just need to pay attention. Here are three tips to figuring out your talents. 1. What is the thing that keeps you awake at night? What are you passionate about? What do you find yourself talking about most often? 2. Doing your gifting will most often energize you, not leave you drained. 3. Other people will call it out. ‘You really write well.’ ‘You are so great with kids.’ Pay attention to what others have said to you, if it lines up with what you enjoy – that’s a huge clue!

Question 10: The Bible talks about gifting and talents as well. There are two main types of gifts - natural and spiritual. Read through these verses and see if you can spot the main difference between the two. Romans 12:6–8; 1 Corinthians 12:4–11; 1 Corinthians 12:28.

Answer 10: A natural gifting is something that you are born with and can develop with practice. You’ll be able to use it whether or not you are a Believer. A spiritual gift is given to you by the Holy Spirit when you are saved and will grow as you use it to serve others.

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