

# Four in the Garden

## Discussion Questions

This document contains discussion questions for *Four in the Garden* (first edition) by Rick Hocker. These questions are intended for group discussion although individuals can use them for meditation. These questions are divided into twelve sections that cover about nine chapters or twenty-seven pages on average. Groups can read the book over a span of twelve weeks or months as the questions are designed for twelve group discussion meetings. Or the questions can be grouped to accommodate three, four, or six meetings.

For each set of questions, you are expected to read the assigned chapters, answer the questions, and come prepared to discuss your answers with the group. Some questions are spoilers, so it's best to read the assigned material before looking at the questions. The questions are intended to stimulate meditation and discussion. There are no right or wrong answers, only a person's subjective response to the questions.

A facilitator is recommended to guide the discussion by reading the questions out loud, encouraging others to offer their answers, seeking clarification of people's answers, and keeping the discussion on topic and moving forward. The facilitator should never render judgment on a person's answer or allow others to do so. Thanking people for sharing and affirming others for their insights will create a safe environment for discussion.

These questions are only a guide. Feel free to add your own questions or skip questions you feel don't apply to you or your group. You may copy, distribute, or change this document to serve the needs of your discussion group.

—Rick Hocker

## Discussion #1 (Read chapters 1-9)

1. Manna declared that Cherished was “made from love and for love” (page 3). What does that phrase mean to you? Do you believe that the meaning of your existence has to do with love? Why or why not? Do you think your purpose on Earth is to obtain love or to give it away or both?
2. Cherished wanted to understand Creator (page 4). We, also, try to understand God, but God is a complex being, beyond comprehension. What compels us to try to understand God? What aspect of God do you find the most confusing, frustrating or contradictory? Do you believe that someday you will obtain satisfactory answers to your questions about God? Why do you think so?
3. Manna explained that the squirrels’ simple minds believe in the continuation of their well-being and he challenged Cherished to learn to do the same (page 20). What prevents us from believing in the continuation of our well-being? When things go wrong, we often tell ourselves that we are not okay, even though we still have the necessities of life. How do you define your own sense of well-being? How might you adjust your definition so it’s less dependent on circumstances?
4. Ennoia said that pain is a necessary part of life (page 20). Explain why you agree or disagree. What is your relationship to pain? Do you resist it, deny it or listen to it? What do you believe can be learned from pain?
5. Cherished didn’t get the affirmation he wanted from the Teachers (page 21). How much do you expect or rely on affirmation from others? When that is lacking, how do you manage without it? In what situations do you interpret a lack of affirmation as disapproval? How much is approval from others tied to your self-esteem?
6. “The soul is your true self,” Manna told Cherished (page 22). The soul is a mysterious thing. What is your understanding of your soul? Are you able to identify it within yourself? What traits or characteristics would you assign to your soul?
7. Cherished was frustrated because Creator was invisible (page 23). What is the biggest challenge for you when it comes to trusting in an invisible God? What are you trusting God for? What things in your life have you chosen to not entrust to God?
8. Cherished felt abandoned by the Teachers and Creator (page 28). When Manna spoke words of encouragement into his ear, Cherished said, “Leave me alone.” Why would Cherished say that? All of us have felt abandoned by God at some point. How did you work through your feelings of abandonment? How did that experience of abandonment change your relationship to God and your continued ability to trust?

## Discussion #2 (Read chapters 10-18)

1. Cherished believed that respect was getting what he wanted (page 31). He confused respect with control. How do you define respect? How might God show respect to you in situations where you don't get your own way?
2. Cherished felt abandoned even though the Teachers had stayed with him (page 31). His perception generated real feelings of abandonment even though his perception was inaccurate. We tend to dismiss feelings when they aren't based on fact, especially the feelings of others. What makes feelings real or valid for a person? Does there need to be a logical or real cause?
3. Manna said that separateness is an illusion (page 32). To what degree do you believe we are connected to everything? When do you feel most connected? To what degree do you feel separate from the world and other people?
4. Manna told Cherished that he was created imperfect by Creator's design (page 33). Anything that is perfect cannot grow and Creator wanted Cherished to grow. How do you feel about designed imperfection? Do you find comfort or frustration in that?
5. "Everything I have made has a purpose," said Creator (page 43). To what degree do you believe that? What creations of God do you find to have no purpose?
6. Ennoia said that rules enable Cherished to learn and grow (page 44). Later, Manna said that the purpose of rules is for Cherished to trust Creator, and that Cherished shouldn't burden himself with additional unnecessary rules (page 46). In what ways do you believe rules are good or bad? When are rules excessive? What is the result of excessive rules?
7. Manna tells Cherished that his uniqueness does not make him superior (page 45). Nor does the fact that he is the object of Creator's love. Why do people convert specialness into superiority? In what situations do you feel superior? How do you escape that thinking?
8. "When you fear, you're unable to trust," said Aable (page 47). What is the relationship between fear and trust. Is certainty a requirement in order to trust? Cherished had to step in the darkness and trust he would not fall (pages 50-51). Trusting in God is often like stepping in the dark. In what ways do you relate to that analogy? Describe a situation when you trusted God and couldn't see your way.
9. "Will you trust Creator with your life?" Ennoia asked (page 47). Trusting God is more than a mental attitude. At its deepest level, trust is a complete surrender of one's life to God. What would be gained by such surrender? What would be the cost? By what criteria do you judge whether God is trustworthy? What information is lacking that would help you to decide?

### Discussion #3 (Read chapters 19-27)

1. Creator told Cherished to “follow the flow” (page 58). This phrase has a double meaning in the story, referring to the flow of water and the flow of God. What might following the flow of God look like in your life? How might you cut yourself off from that flow?
2. Cherished presumed it was okay to move his bed (pages 66-67). Then, he presumed it was wrong. Presumption is thinking we understand what pleases or offends God, when we don't know. Cherished was encouraged to act from truth instead of doubt. What does it mean to you to act from truth? What is the best remedy for doubt? Fear of offending God can paralyze us. How might you combat that fear?
3. Cherished believed that since Creator was good, He would do no harm, but the Teachers disagreed (pages 70-71). Our understanding of God will always be limited, yet we get offended when our current understanding is questioned or attacked. How fixed or flexible are you in regard to your understanding of God or the truth? Are you willing to discover that you may be wrong about something? Do new spiritual ideas excite you or threaten you?
4. Cherished was so certain that he understood Creator, that he judged the Teachers as being full of darkness (page 71). How does arrogance blind us? How do you see this played out in the world today? Have you ever been so sure of something that you harshly judged those who disagreed with you?
5. Creator said, “I create. I destroy. In all I do, I love.” (page 72). Can you give an example of how love and destruction might be compatible or coexist? From God's point of view, destruction might be construed as “cleansing,” such as a forest fire. Give other examples of destruction that could be considered “cleansing.” How might you adjust your concept of God to allow for God to be Destroyer?
6. Cherished built a tower and became proud of his achievement (pages 76-77). Pride is insidious and sneaks its way into our hearts. Does the satisfaction from your accomplishments or possessions turn outward into gratitude or turn inward into self-importance? What is the proper place of self-importance in one's life? What is the difference between pride and confidence? What is the difference between humility and weakness?
7. Manna defined ego as energy that is self-focused (page 82). A lot of our negative thinking falls into this pattern. How does ego prevent you from growing as a person? How do you identify ego within yourself? How do you set it aside?
8. The Tree of Death was provided as a vivid illustration of spiritual disconnection and death (pages 83-85). What are your impressions from this illustration? In what ways did you find it helpful?

## Discussion #4 (Read chapters 28-36)

1. Cherished voiced his hope to be found worthy to receive Creator's gift, but his false humility offended Creator (page 87). How might Cherished have demonstrated genuine humility? What requirements must be met for you to be worthy to receive God's gifts? Why do we seek to earn God's gifts when they are already offered?
2. By judging himself unworthy, Cherished contradicted Creator, thus casting Creator as a liar (page 88). In what ways do we contradict God when we put ourselves down? How can you discover the truth about yourself? How do you identify lies about yourself?
3. "Because I love you, I correct and discipline you," Creator said to Cherished (page 89). A parent can love a child, but also be displeased with the child's actions. Are you able to separate God's love from God's displeasure? Is it easy or difficult for you to receive mercy and forgiveness from God? What would make it easier for you? How do you interpret or recognize God's discipline in your life? Do you see it as loving?
4. "We use your mistakes, so don't despise your failings. Be grateful for them," Ennoia said (page 93). What attitude do you normally take toward your mistakes? Give an example of how God used one of your mistakes to help you grow. How might you generate gratitude when you make mistakes?
5. "For every act, there is a consequence and a boundary," said Creator (page 102). Do you agree with that statement? How would you define a boundary? What purpose do boundaries serve in your life? Do you pay much attention to boundaries?
6. Cherished needed to choose between trusting in Creator or his senses (page 107). What information do you consider besides your senses? How do you discern this extra-sensory information? Later, Creator says, "Truth is greater than experience." What is the relationship between truth and experience in your own life? Does doubt immobilize you or propel you? What specific actions do you take when you have doubts about God?
7. Creator told Cherished not to despise delay because it forces him to wrestle with truth and builds character (page 108). How has delay built character in your own life? Describe a time when you wrestled with something and how it changed you?
8. Creator said, "Everything is a test of your trust." (page 108). In what ways do you believe that might be true? Why would your trust need to be tested all the time?
9. Creator defined transformation as an inner change that enlarges our capacity for spiritual abundance (page 111). What does transformation mean to you? Why is transformation important to God? If any situation has the potential to yield a transformative effect in your life, how does that change your view of difficult situations? How might you respond differently to situations in order to reap the benefits of transformation?

## Discussion #5 (Read chapters 37-47)

1. "True understanding comes when We reveal Ourselves to you in response to your trust in Us," said Creator (page 114). The implication is that God only reveals Himself in situations where trust is present and that God makes Himself absent when there is no belief in Him. Why might God elect to reveal Himself in response to trust instead of in response to doubt? How might this change your approach in seeking God? Share a situation where God revealed Himself to you because you chose to trust.
2. "We won't always protect you from adversity, but Our love will sustain you and your trust in Our love will transform you. You will encounter tempests and tigers, but Our love is greater than all those things," Creator said (page 116). What can we rely on God to do for us? What can we rely on God to protect us from?
3. "Fear has power as long as the feared thing is avoided," said the macaw (page 117). How does facing our fear rob it of power? Describe one feared thing you are presently avoiding? Why are you avoiding it? In what way does it have power over you?
4. Creator indirectly experienced Cherished's ordeal of dying from snake venom (pages 121-22). To what degree do you believe God is aware of everything you go through? They chose to withhold immediate help. Why did They withhold help? How can we find comfort when we feel alone or abandoned in our time of need?
5. Radiance told Cherished that he was made in Creator's image (page 127). What does it mean to you to be made in God's image? In what capacities do you think we are made in God's image? Intellectually? Emotionally? How do you reconcile this identity with those people who behave without love or conscience?
6. Creator explained that Their decision to love required Their willingness to be vulnerable (page 132). Why does love require vulnerability? What has experience taught you about vulnerability? Describe the effects on a love relationship when vulnerability is absent. How does your view of God change knowing that your choices have the power to bring delight or grief to God? Creator declared that vulnerability is strength and fear of vulnerability is weakness (page 133). How might that be true?
7. Cherished experienced Creator's passion for him (page 134). Is that an attribute of God you had considered before? How does this intense longing and passionate pursuit on God's part make you feel? How does adding this element of passion change your view of God's love and its purity?
8. Cherished shared his thoughts with Creator for the first time (pages 139-40). Sharing our thoughts with another demonstrates transparency and intimacy. Which do you find more difficult and why: being honest with a person or being honest with God? What do you risk when you attempt to be completely honest with God? What do you gain? How might you include God in your thought processes?

## Discussion #6 (Read chapters 48-56)

1. Creator challenges Cherished to reach beyond himself, to explore the inner landscape of his soul or to explore the depths of Creator (page 144). What might it mean to explore one's inner landscape? What might it mean to explore the depths of God? How would one go about doing those things?
2. Illuminos defined rationalism as the supremacy of reason, the power of thinking for oneself (page 148). What is the relationship between rationalism and faith? What is the place of reason in one's relationship with God? Does rationalism suppress or destroy faith?
3. Illuminos had a negative experience with Creator (page 148). Why was his experience so negative? Did Creator treat him any differently than Cherished? If so, how might that be a factor? Have you met people who have had a negative experience with God? Why was their experience so different from your experience of God?
4. "We can transform any situation and give it purpose where before it had none," Creator said (Page 151). How might you apply this principle to natural disasters or senseless violence? Can you think of an example of a pointless tragedy that turned out to have some purpose after the fact? In a similar vein, Creator said, "Any mistake you entrust to Us, no matter how horrendous, can be transformed into something that benefits you." (page 166). What is the relationship between transformation and trust?
5. Creator said that for those who understand it, freewill is liberty (pages 151-52). How can freewill be liberating? How can it be destructive? What is its proper place in our lives? How do we balance it with our commitment to God? Can peace coexist with freewill or does freewill always lead to chaos?
6. Cherished declared that he understood evil after having met Illuminos (page 155). How do you process the existence of evil in the world? How do you explain its existence? Is its existence necessary for us to understand its opposite, goodness?
7. Cherished suggested to Radiance that her service might be more meaningful if her thoughts and feelings aligned with her actions (page 158). How often is your spiritual service done out of obedience only? How might you align your thoughts and feelings with your service? If you were to succeed at that, how would that change your spiritual experience?
8. Cherished revealed his inner self to Creator and felt known in a deeper way than before (page 172). What is your inner self? How might you disclose this self to God? Creator said, "Mutual disclosure is the basis for intimacy." This implies that intimacy with God goes both ways. Has God ever disclosed Himself to you personally? If so, describe the experience. Explain your thoughts on how self-disclosure to God can lead to His disclosure to you.

## **Discussion #7 (Read chapters 57-64)**

1. Creator provided food for Cherished, but he missed it because he was expecting it to come in a certain way (page 178). In what ways do we confine God to act according to our expectations? If God doesn't behave the way you expect, do you discount it? How might you manage your expectations of God so that you don't miss His provision?
2. "Some events are random and some are intentional, but in every case, you must trust Us," Creator told Cherished (page 180). We invest a lot of time trying to understand situations, when God asks that we simply trust. Why do we have a need to know whether an event is God's will or not? What are you trusting God to do for you when you find yourself in difficult situations?
3. "We can impart Our intention onto any situation and cause it to have a transformative effect on your soul. If you choose not to trust then the effect is lost," Creator said (pages 180-81). How might the addition of God's intention transform a situation? What might God's intention be? Why might choosing not to trust result in needless suffering for us?
4. In the sprout story, the main lesson was that hardship enables one to overcome adversity (page 183). How does hardship prepare us for adversity? Give some examples. In what ways does storm or drought reveal the true nature of one's soul?
5. Radiance learned that disclosing parts of herself to Creator connected her to Creator and to herself (page 190). Why might that be true? How do we uncover and retrieve the deeper or hidden parts of ourselves? What does it mean to be connected to oneself?
6. Cherished discovered that what he needed was peace, not patience (page 193). Why is peace a better solution than patience? How is peace defined in this story?
7. Cherished's resistance was making him frustrated and miserable (page 193). Why do we resist what we can't control? Do you generally view unpleasant situations as something to be fixed, avoided, or accepted? In what ways do you resist situations? Can you think of a situation where you made your circumstances your adversary? What is your biggest obstacle to being able to accept undesirable situations?
8. When Cherished focused on the present moment, his situation became more manageable (page 194). Why? If God only dwells in the present moment, then what result would you get if you focus on the past or future? Describe the effect that the past and future have on your well-being? What do you find most uncomfortable with the present moment?
9. "When there is no self, there is no resistance, no striving, no battle," Creator said (page 194). What do you think that means? How might you attain that state of being?



## Discussion #8 (Read chapters 65-71)

1. Cherished acknowledged that his preferences didn't align with Creator's will, but his hope was that the gap would close over time (page 206). How should our preferences relate to God's will? To what degree should our lives be guided by God's will? How much autonomy do you think you ought to have?
2. Cherished complained that devotion was too hard (page 211). How had Cherished failed to understand true devotion? How did Creator define true devotion? How did Creator define false devotion? What possesses us to make further demands on ourselves beyond what God asks of us?
3. "Let your actions be congruent with your authentic self," Creator said (page 213). What does that mean to you? Why is it important? Give examples of some actions being incongruent with one's soul? What effect does incongruity have on us?
4. Creator warned against actions that come from a need to please, prove or gain (page 213). Which of those three needs do you most relate to? What drives your need to please? What do you find yourself trying to prove to others? To God? To yourself? How might a need to gain be detrimental? What would it take for you to be content in your primary area of need?
5. The knowledge of right and wrong changed Cherished (page 217). Why did Creator forbid that knowledge? In what ways did it change Cherished? In what ways did it change his relationship with Creator?
6. In place of Creator, Cherished is given a conscience (page 220). How does your conscience operate in your life? How often do you listen to it? Do you see it as something to be trusted, distrusted, or ignored? How is conscience influenced by upbringing, personal experience, bias, and culture? Can it change over time? What is the relationship between conscience and the knowledge of right and wrong?
7. Cherished lost all sense of Creator after being severed from Them (page 223). How do you handle the situation when God feels absent? What feelings does that bring up for you? What do you do to remedy that situation and feeling? At what time does God feel more real to you? When God doesn't feel real, what do you tell yourself to help you through those times?
8. Cherished prayed to Creator hoping Creator would hear his plea, even though they were separated (page 224). Do you believe that God hears every prayer of yours? Do you believe that God answers every prayer? How can you know if an answer requires a period of waiting? How long must one be willing to wait for an answer? How can you tell the difference between a delayed answer and an answer of no?

## Discussion #9 (Read chapters 72-79)

1. Cherished doubted Blaze's intentions because Blaze stank and was ugly (pages 225-26). Have you ever judged others by their appearance before you had a chance to get to know their character? What physical traits are a quick turn-off for you? What associations or assumptions do you make in regard to those traits? Is it fair to draw those conclusions? What do physical traits tell you about a person's character? Describe a time when God surprised you by blessing you through someone whose appearance you deemed inferior.
2. Creator sent Blaze to help Cherished, but Blaze seemed an unlikely choice (page 226). God sends people into our lives that have undesirable traits and yet they have a role to play in our lives. On what basis do you choose who can be a part of your life? How do you decide that someone should no longer be a part of your life? Do you think it's possible that God might want you to maintain a relationship with someone whom you do not prefer?
3. Cherished's conscience disapproved of his eating meat (page 226). When it is appropriate to go against one's conscience? Describe a time when you went against your own conscience because you had a compelling reason? Which has the most weight for you in decision-making: conscience, reason, or intuition?
4. Cherished was reminded that he lived in the world of rules, the world of right and wrong (page 229). What advice would you give Cherished about how to live in such a world? To what degree do you feel governed by rules? How does having a relationship with God help you transcend the world of rules?
5. Cherished tried to connect to Creator through Blaze (page 233). Blaze told Cherished that substituting him for Creator was dangerous for both of them. Why is it dangerous to substitute another person for God? In what situations might you need an intermediary person between you and God? What should be the role of an intermediary?
6. "Knowing right and wrong isn't the same as knowing the truth," Cherished said (page 237). How might they be different? What does the truth provide for us that the knowledge of right and wrong cannot? How would you define truth?
7. When Cherished hunted, he felt a sense of power over the world (page 248). At what times do you feel power over your circumstances and the world? Why do we have need to feel that power? Smoking the egg made Cherished feel bigger than his problems (page 249). What do you do when you want to escape your problems?
8. Cherished felt a connection to Creator through nature (page 253). In what ways might you experience God through nature? How does that experience differ from other types of spiritual experiences? What other types of spiritual experiences are there?

## **Discussion #10 (Read chapters 80-88)**

1. Cherished felt betrayed when he learned that Blaze had lied to him (pages 254-55). Betrayal is most painful when we are betrayed by those we have trusted. By what criteria do you choose to trust others? Why is it harder to forgive those we have trusted? What does it take for your trust to be restored when someone you trust lets you down?
2. Cherished caught Blaze burning himself (page 256). Why did Blaze believe that burning himself would help manage his inner pain? Why do people engage in self-destructive activities? What would you say is the greatest need for people who are self-destructive?
3. Cherished decided to keep his pain in the open rather than hiding it deep inside (page 258). Why does hiding things inhibit our spiritual growth? What does it mean to you to hold your pain in the open? How might that be conducive for healing? What might be the next step after holding your pain in the open?
4. Blaze lied in order to protect himself (page 263). Blaze lied because he was afraid of what things? In what situations do people lie in order to protect themselves? In what situations are you afraid to tell the truth to others?
5. "I blame you for what I've become," Blaze said (page 268). Who was Blaze referring to: Creator, Illuminos or the deer? What one negative trait or quality of yours can you most easily trace to the influence of another person? What would be more constructive than blaming others for your defects?
6. Cherished realized that both he and the wolf had been wronged and deserved justice (page 273). If justice were to be meted out for the wolf, what would be the implications? What did Cherish conclude about justice? Why did Cherish decide that mercy was a better option?
7. Cherished told Blaze that he released him (page 273). What did Cherish release Blaze from? What judgments did Cherished consider still binding against Blaze? What did Cherished indirectly release himself from? What have you learned about forgiveness from this section?
8. "I found fulfillment in serving Creator 'cause I was made for that purpose," Blaze said (page 279). For what purpose do you believe you were made? How does your search for fulfillment tie into that purpose? Based on your answers to the previous two questions, what one thing could you start doing that would cause you to be more fulfilled?

## Discussion #11 (Read chapters 89-94)

1. "I garden, I hunt, I swim, but none of those activities touch my soul," Cherished said (page 285). What was Cherished hoping to experience by having something touch his soul? What types of experiences touch your soul? In what ways do those experiences touch your soul? Describe the ways that God touches your soul.
2. Link told Cherished that he needed to return to innocence and die to his willfulness (page 286). Why would Link ask Cherished to do something so seemingly impossible? Why was it important to return to innocence? Why did Cherished need to die to his willfulness? What meaning do they have for us?
3. "I need more than words," Cherished said when asked to believe (page 287). Words are often not enough for us to believe a spiritual truth. How do you decide what to believe about God and the spiritual world? What factors make a spiritual concept real for you? How much weight do you put onto words? Apart from words, what do you look for when seeking validation of a spiritual reality?
4. "If you knew me, you would not be afraid. Do you desire to know me?" Link said to Cherished (page 287). Cherished didn't want to know Link further. What was Cherished afraid of? To what degree do you want to know others more? Where do you draw the line that limits how close you want to get to other people? What fears keep you from getting closer to others?
5. "Creator can transform what is meant for evil into purpose, where none existed before," Link said (page 293). The implication is that God is greater than any evil that man can inflict and can transform that evil into divine purpose. To what extent can you believe that? How might God's purposes be greater than man's evil. What might God's purposes be? Is there something we must do that might cause God to perform this miraculous transformation of evil into purpose?
6. The story of the mother elephant and her beloved calf was an allegory (page 294). What similarities do you see between the mother elephant and God?
7. "What is impossible for you is possible for Creator. Acknowledging your lack opens the door," said Link (page 296). How does acknowledging our lack open the door for God to do the impossible? Describe the ways in which you are spiritually lacking? What door do you want opened for you to experience more of God?
8. Link said that the way back to Creator is through brokenness (page 297). Brokenness is the recognition of the utter futility of our own resources to live a spiritual life. Usually, people have to reach the end of themselves to arrive at a state of brokenness. How might brokenness make us open to God? What aspect of brokenness threatens you? How might we cultivate a state of brokenness for ourselves?

## Discussion #12 (Read chapters 95-103)

1. Blaze said that his mind had already been set regarding Link (page 302). Sometimes, we make up our mind about something and stubbornly maintain our opinion even when new facts come available. In what areas are you most unlikely to change your mind? What can you do to be more open to new information?
2. Cherished prayed after having reached the end of his rope (page 315). God most often meets us when we are desperate. Why is God more responsive to us when we are in that state? Can we enter a state of spiritual desperation without having to be in crisis? How might we generate a state of spiritual desperation for ourselves?
3. Manna explained to Cherished why he had to become human (page 321). What parallels do you see between Manna (Link) and Jesus Christ and their respective missions? How has this allegory given you new understanding regarding Christ's death, resurrection and salvation through him?
4. Cherished realized that everything in life was intended to be an opportunity to trust in Creator and for Creator to show Their love (page 325). How might life's challenges be an opportunity to trust in God? How might life's challenges be an opportunity for God to show His love? In what ways do we sabotage those opportunities?
5. "Every trial is bearable when you trust in Us. Fear and worry turn a trial into a torment," Creator said (pages 326-27). How does fear and worry make us miserable? How does trusting in God make life's challenges more bearable?
6. Creator said that love is never wasted and Cherished concluded that Creator's love would never disappoint if he trusted in Them (pages 328-29). To what extent do you agree with those statements? Is love wasted if it's never returned? How might it be possible for God's love to never disappoint us even though life might disappoint us?
7. Radiance said that her Inner and outer are the same now (page 330). The implication is that she is now fully herself, expressing her inner self completely. In what ways do you hide your inner self? What adjective would you use to describe your inner self? What would it take for you to reveal more of your inner self to the world?
8. Cherished explained that when we receive love, we are able to give love (pages 331-32). From whom did you learn to love? How easily are you able to receive love? Do you feel that you can love deeply? Do you find it easier to give or receive love? How might you expand your ability to do both?
9. Cherished concluded that Creator's love needed to be up close and intimate, and to connect with his soul (page 332). What do you think intimacy with God might be like? How would you like God to connect with you? How can you make yourself more open to intimacy with God?