

RIBBON OF YEARS
Book Club Discussion Questions

The Movie Poster:

- Miriam had dreams for her future, as everyone does when they're young. What were your dreams? Did your life play out the way you thought or planned?

Military Hat:

- Del is bursting with the news of his new relationship with Jesus, but Miriam feels put off by it. Who do you relate to, Del or Miriam?
- Do you think it odd that Miriam's brother's death and not her husband's safe return is what made her surrender to God? Why or why not?

Soda Fountain Glass:

- Sally is close to making a big mistake with Hadley, and Miriam warns her that there are consequences for the choices people make. At the time, Sally didn't want to hear what Miriam had to say. Why do you think this warning stuck with Sally?

Gold Earrings:

- Widowed Miriam receives a proposal of marriage from Bert. She prays about it and gets her answer (page 182). Why do you think she kept the earrings in her "My Life" box?

Nixon Campaign Button:

- Everyone says that Miriam raised Luke right, yet he gets caught up with drugs. Jacob wonders (page 203) why Luke turns from the Lord while his own kids seem to come out okay, despite his drinking and not knowing God. What would you say to Jacob?
- Miriam pours her love and compassion into Sean, her son's friend. Why did God bring her Sean instead of her own son? Could you find it in yourself to do what she did?

Photo in Frame:

- God brought Isaiah 43 to Miriam's mind while she struggled with Luke. His promise to her wasn't fulfilled for many years. How do you think God speaks?

- As Miriam discovers the truth about her son (page 230), God speaks to Miriam and she clings to the cross. Compare this scene to just earlier (page 225).
- Luke asks his mom, “If God loves me, why did He make me this way?” How do you answer that question?
- Read page 259. Did you also feel that the tragedies were too much for one person to bear?

Decorated Tray:

- Miriam’s final question is this, “Jesus, did I live my life well?” What does it mean to live life well?
- Miriam was a positive influence on others. Did she consciously try to impact others or did it happen just because of the example she set?

Author Scripture Notes:

- Rev 22:1
- Dan 3:17-18
- Job 13:15
- Hab 3:17-19