



DISCUSSION GUIDE /QUESTIONS

1. Do the issues in this book **affect your life**? How so—directly, on a daily basis, or more generally? Now or sometime in the future?
2. The author presents many reasons for the conflict between mother-in-law and daughter-in-law. Which stood out to you? Why can't these two get along? How similar were the experiences in the book to your own or those of women you know?
3. What role do you think media (movies, TV, etc.) has played in how we see the mother-in-law/daughter-in-law relationship? What examples come to mind? What's the impact of those stereotypes?
4. What stories related in the book stood out to you? Which were familiar? Which surprised or shocked you? Why?
5. How surprised were you by the statistics the author reported? Why do you think the relationships are no better in the church than among those with no faith affiliation at all?
6. What **solutions** does the author propose? Who would implement those solutions? How probable is success?
7. A major premise in the book is the concept of living in love, not living under the law, with your MIL/DIL. What are your thoughts about the characteristics described by the author for law and love? How might it make a difference in the way women of faith view this relationship?
8. Communication was an important topic in the book. The tool SPEAK was suggested to help improve or enhance the ability to create conversation that leads to productive outcomes. What did you think of SPEAK? Who has used it? Was it helpful? What were the results?

9. There are a lot of self-help books on family relationships. In what ways is this book distinct from other books you've read or heard of on the topic?
10. What are the standout features of the book? What was most helpful? How could it be used?
11. What aspects of the book did you disagree with or find difficult to accept?
12. Did the author use sufficient scripture to support her premise about the expectations God may have of us in this relationship with our MIL or DIL? Why or why not?
13. Has reading this book made you think or view this relationship in light of your faith in a different way? How so?
14. Do you think the author has painted a realistic picture of the presence of God in everyday life and the difference possible in these relationships as a result?