

Rain Storm

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Reading Group Guide

Discussion Questions

1. Although God never stopped loving Cynda, the Lord abhorred her sins. What does the Word tell us about God's view of sin?
2. Until Cynda met Keith, she could not conceive of God's unconditional love for her. If you displayed this kind of love, do you believe that you could win more people to the Lord?
3. Has God ever called you to love a family member or friend unconditionally? Were you able to handle this call from God? Why or why not?
4. From her childhood, Cynda had an angel dispatched to protect and guide her back to her first love. Give Biblical examples of heaven's angels ministering to God's people.
5. Throughout the Scriptures, the Lord used wantonness women to fulfill His purpose. Review these examples

<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
Genesis 38	John 4:1-30
Joshua 2; 6:16-27	John 8:1-11
I Kings 3:16-28	Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25

6. Keith's love for Cynda was unconditional. But in truth, only God loves us unconditionally. How does that make you feel to know that God is willing to love you right where you are – and love you into repentance?
7. During hard times with Cynda, Keith not only prayed but fasted for her deliverance. A regular fast occurs when an individual denies food for a certain amount of days and only

drinks water. However, sometimes individuals fast for only a certain amount of hours per day or they only fast from certain foods. Can you think of someone that you would be willing to fast and pray for?

8. Isaac's brawl with Keith and Cynda could have ended his ministry. Isaac often let the cares of life force his spirit man into hibernation. If you find yourself in a position like that, how can you get back to right standing with God?

9. Isaac felt justified to hold unforgiveness against Cynda and his father. But God's word tells us that if we do not forgive others that God will not forgive us. Why do you suppose God feels so strongly about forgiveness?

10. Although Nina's heart broke at the thought of not being able to have another child, she somehow found the strength to open her heart to Iona. Why do you think that was? Do you believe Nina's actions had anything to do with her love for God?

11. If being a Christian means being Christ-like, how do you explain the fact that most Christians do not display unconditional love for their fellow man?