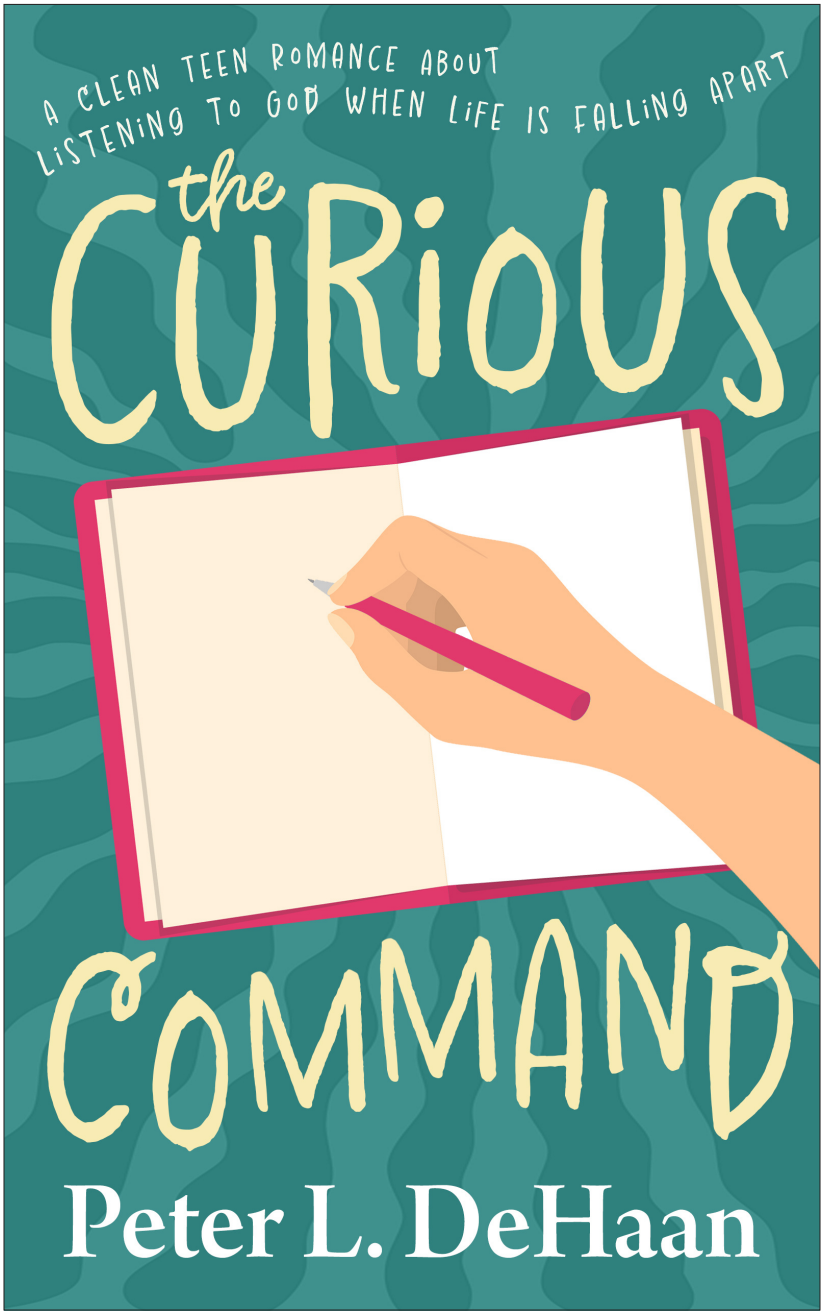


Trivia Challenge for

The Curious Command

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For book clubs and readers

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Just for fun, check out what you know. This isn't for a grade but for the joy of having read the book! If you get stuck, check out the answers on the last page. No worries, peeking is permitted.

1. (Chapter 1: Losing It) What advice do Madison and Lily give Jason when he receives the book?

   A. Read it aloud and discuss it.

   B. Share it immediately with Claudia.

   C. Give it time and be patient.

   D. Ask Mr. Costner to explain it.

2. (Chapter 2: The Responsible One) What does Jason promise Claudia after apologizing and embracing her?

   A. He will do better.

   B. He will arrange another rideshare.

   C. He will cancel his dinner plans.

   D. He will ask Mom to apologize.

3. (Chapter 3: Grounded or Not) What does Madison tell Jason to do after he questions whether God is writing in the book?

   A. Ask Lily to take it back.

   B. Wait until every page has writing.

   C. Discuss its instructions with his mother.

   D. Accept it in faith and obey.

4. (Chapter 5: Making Amends) What three-part instruction appears after Jason prays, "Show me how"?

   A. Help Mom, make breakfast, and pray.

   B. Talk to Claudia, confess, and sit with her.

   C. Call Madison, apologize, and meet her.

   D. Find Mr. Costner, listen, and ask questions.

5. (Chapter 6: Sunday Service) When Mr. Costner asks whether to pray immediately or later, what does Jason request?

   A. Prayer immediately and later
   B. Prayer only after school
   C. Prayer only with his mother
   D. Prayer the following Sunday

6. (Chapter 8: Mom and Dad) What does Jason tell Claudia he must do before possibly explaining important things about Dad?

   A. Speak with Detective Brindle
   B. Read Dad's letters
   C. Pray about it first
   D. Arrange dinner at Stella's Steakhouse

7. (Chapter 9: Stella's Steakhouse) Why does Dad decline Jason's offer to provide Mom's new email address?

   A. He plans to visit her workplace.
   B. It would put Jason in the middle.
   C. He has already received her address.
   D. He wants Claudia to contact her.

8. (Chapter 11: A Bad Thing) What does the book instruct Jason to obtain before telling Claudia about Dad and meeting with him?

   A. Lily's agreement
   B. Mr. Costner's advice
   C. Detective Brindle's approval
   D. Mom's permission

9. (Chapter 12: Mom's Mess) What does Mom reveal when Jason asks about the restraining order?

   A. She never filed one.
   B. It expired the previous year.
   C. Dad persuaded her to withdraw it.
   D. It applies only at school.

10. (Chapter 14: Two Conversations) How does Madison respond when Jason fears she will move on before he finishes college and finds work?

    A. She suggests he study real estate.

    B. She asks him to choose another college.

    C. She says she will wait.

    D. She proposes discussing it with Lily.

11. (Chapter 16: Father and Son Q and A) According to Dad, what should Jason do to invest in his relationship with Madison?

    A. Keep score of their contributions.

    B. Put her first whenever possible.

    C. Wait until he finishes college.

    D. Ask her to plan every date.

12. (Chapter 18: A Big Bow) How does the notebook expand its earlier instruction about investing in relationships?

    A. Invest only after earning more money.

    B. Invest mainly in the relationship with Madison.

    C. Invest only when others reciprocate.

    D. Invest in all relationships.

13. (Chapter 19: The Aftermath) What instruction forms in Jason's mind when Mom disappears at Stella's Steakhouse?

    A. Ask Dad to wait outside.

    B. Give Mom the car key.

    C. Send Claudia to the restroom to get her.

    D. Take everyone to another restaurant.

14. (Chapter 21: A Long Week) What does Jason urge Mom to do after learning she still has Dad's letters?

    A. Read them.

    B. Return them.

    C. Show Claudia.

    D. Answer immediately.

15. (Chapter 23: Invest) What does Madison tell Jason about kissing before she accepts his proposal?

    A. She wants him to kneel first.

    B. She wants to wait until their wedding.

    C. She wants him to ask Michael first.

    D. She wants a larger celebration first.

Answers

1. C. Give it time and be patient.

2. A. He will do better.

3. D. Accept it in faith and obey.

4. B. Talk to Claudia, confess, and sit with her.

5. A. Prayer immediately and later

6. C. Pray about it first

7. B. It would put Jason in the middle.

8. D. Mom’s permission

9. A. She never filed one.

10. C. She says she will wait.

11. B. Put her first whenever possible.

12. D. Invest in all relationships.

13. C. Send Claudia to the restroom to get her.

14. A. Read them.

15. B. She wants to wait until their wedding.