

A Novel Approach to Discipleship
Question from *Seasons of Change* Chapter 39

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Warning: Spoilers in the question!

On page 273, Heather talks to the Colonel about receiving the Medal of Honor. He says we don't always get what we deserve, "either for the good we have done or for the bad." He tells her to take her focus off of herself.

Have you ever received some kind of honor that you didn't feel worthy of? Have you ever received scoldings for something you didn't do? How might God be glorified in situations like that?

What does the Bible say about how our lives can bring God glory? Can you find any Bible verses that support the Colonel's wisdom? (Starting with the fifth paragraph and going down through Heather's reply: "When opportunities arise,") Can you find an example in the Bible of someone who glorified God even though they hadn't set out to do so?

Suggestions for finding answers in the Bible:

Look up **trust** (and its variations) in the concordance. Pay specific attention to New Testament passages. Look for verses that talk about trusting God to work things out.

Explore the story of Balaam in Numbers 22. What does it tell you about needing to be worthy to serve God? What does it tell you about God being glorified regardless of a person's intent?

Verses to read in context and check for cross-references.

✓ John 5:49-51

✓ 1 Corinthians 13:11

✓ 1 Timothy 1:15

✓ Hebrews 5:4-5

✓ 1 Peter 4:12-14

✓ Isaiah 40:6-8

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