

## **Redeemed Reading Guide**

### **MAKES YOU GO HMMM!**

Now that you have read *Redeemed*, consider the following discussion questions.

1. Why did Maxell have Nicole's fiancé investigated? Did he want them to break up? Did he simply want to make sure Nicole was marrying a good guy?
2. Is there a future for Maxwell and Nicole?
3. Did Maxwell commit a crime when he hired a prostitute to tempt Pastor Harris into adultery? Since Pastor Harris didn't take the bait, does that excuse Maxwell's actions?
4. Maxwell wanted to collect evidence against Pastor Harris by any means necessary. Do you think such drastic measures are taken in real life to reach a guilty verdict in a criminal or civil case? Discuss local and national cases for which there were allegations of misused or abused authority.
5. Maxwell was estranged from his sister and his parents. Yet his sister and his mother called him often. He didn't like it. Do you think they were being pushy or doing the right thing by constantly reaching out to him?
6. Who do you think the mystery person was behind the threats Maxwell received? Point out threats in the story and state why you think the culprit is this particular person.
7. Maxwell harbored bitter animosity toward his dad for the devastating choice he made to trust Pastor Ellis Jones, but that was over twenty years ago. Ultimately, he got over his father's mistake. Maxwell was successful and financially independent. So why did he struggle so much with forgiving his father?

8. Mrs. Burton was a Christian. Even though her husband was murdered and she was grieving his death, should she have displayed such anger and an unforgiving attitude toward Maxwell? Forgiveness is a foundational truth and a necessity in our Christian walk. How do we forgive in tragic circumstances, such as Deacon Burton's imprisonment and murder?
9. Do you believe that Pastor Harris's prayer and around-the-clock prayer vigil had anything to do with Tyree's recovery? Discuss your faith and the power of prayer.
10. Maxwell seemed to be softening as a result of Tyree's accident. Do you think his change will last? State why or why not.
11. Throughout the story, Maxwell battled with the guilt associated with helping to send an innocent man to prison. At first he denied the implications of his actions. When that didn't work, he tried to justify his actions. When that failed as well, his next step was to make restitution by setting up trust funds for the innocent man's family. Do you think that will resolve his guilt? If not, what will?

**Note:** The Redeemed Drama Series is loosely based on the biblical leader and apostle Paul. Originally named Saul, he was known as someone who was committed to persecuting the church. It seemed that this would be his legacy, but God had other plans for him. Saul had an encounter with God on the road to Damascus, and this altered his philosophy, and he became a faithful believer. His name was changed to Paul, and he repented. He spent the rest of his life preaching the good news of salvation and deliverance, through the acceptance of Jesus Christ, to a list of struggling churches (New Testament).