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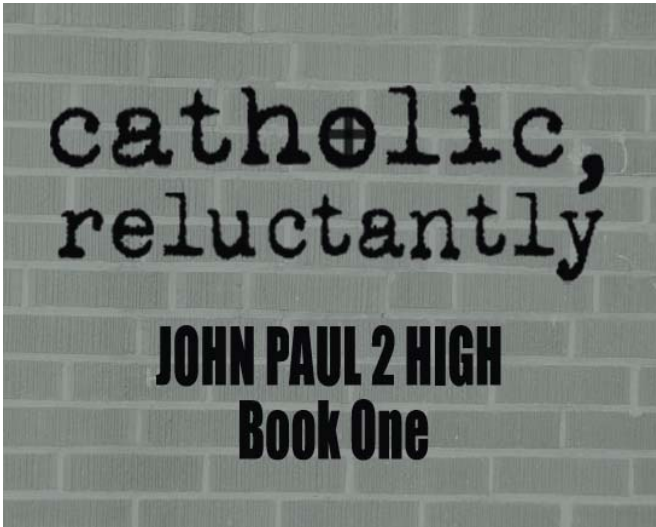
**JOHN PAUL 2 HIGH**

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# INTRODUCTION

Hi! We hope you enjoy this really cool reading group guide to *Catholic, Reluctantly: Book One* of the John Paul 2 High series.

It's tough being a Catholic in today's world. Being Catholic has its own specific trials that other Christians don't necessarily experience. We created the John Paul 2 High books so that Catholic teens could have stories about kids like them. They were fun books to write, and we wrote them to entertain, not to preach.

But once we finished the book, we thought: hey, these books could generate some great discussions! So we started the Book Clubs. Hence: the Book Clubs. So if you enjoyed *John Paul 2 High* and want an additional level of enjoyment by discussing the book with your friends, you can do so. Don't say we never did anything for you.

And if you want to use this guide in your youth group or CCD class, hey, that's fun too.

The best way to run a book club using this guide is for everyone to read the chapter or chapters to be discussed before the club meeting. But we know what it's like to be busy. So you could also read a chapter or two out loud at the Book Club meeting. The chapters are short and fun to read, especially if different people read different parts. (Try having the guys read George's part and the girls read Allie's.) There are about three questions for each of the twenty-two chapters, questions of different kinds:

## IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

We'll ask you to read a short excerpt from the book and tell us what you think of it.

## JP2HS AS CHURCH

Have you ever heard people say, "We are the Church?" The Catholic Church isn't just the buildings and the bishops: it's the people who make up the Body of Christ. But sometimes it's hard to imagine just what "the Church" is, or what it's like. So we're going to make you try this exercise to fill in your imagination. Imagine this: that the tiny little school, John Paul 2 High, is a microcosm, or small-scale model, of the Catholic Church. Sound weird? Try it as you read the discussion questions. We guarantee it'll make you think about the Church in ways you never thought before!

## GREAT WALL OF QUOTES

In the book, Mr. Costain keeps a running list of great quotes on the back wall of his classroom. Only one of them appears in the book, but we've included a few other great quotes for discussion in this guide, mostly from Scripture or the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

## PRAYER MATTERS

Closing your club meeting in prayer is a great Catholic tradition. So is *lectio divina* - reading and praying. Use the final minutes of your book club meeting for reflection and prayer. You can say a group prayer such as the Prayer to the Holy Spirit (below), make up individual prayers based on things you discussed (we'll give you some suggestions), or have a nice mixture of both.

## FEEDBACK

If you have any questions or problems, or just want to share your deep insights with the rest of us, email us at [bookclubs@johnnpaul2high.com](mailto:bookclubs@johnnpaul2high.com). Or go online at [www.johnnpaul2high.com](http://www.johnnpaul2high.com) to join a forum about the books! Happy reading! Happy discussing!

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## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Leader:* Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of Your love.

*Group:* Send forth Your Spirit, and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.

*Leader:* Let us pray:

O God, Who, by the light of the Holy Spirit, did enflame the hearts of the faithful, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord.

*Group:* Amen.

### Note:

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## CHAPTER ONE THE FIRST DAY

Read the chapter separately or  
together: pp. 3-13

Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### Psycho creep in a car

George felt blood rushing to his head. His hands tightened around the handlebars of his bike. “Got *this?*” he shouted, and then lifted his bike off the pavement and threw it as hard as he could against the car. There was a *SCREECH* of metal on metal. “Huh?”

The boy’s eyes narrowed. “Now you *definitely* scratched it,” he said.

“Did I? Oh, I guess I did,” George retorted. “Watch where you’re going next time!” 6

Was George right to react to the kid in the black car the way he did?  
Was his reaction understandable? How would you react?

#### “Real Catholic”

And now he was going to a new school, a school that was supposed to be a “real” Catholic school. So lately he’d been trying even harder to be a “real” Catholic, whatever that meant. *As if my life isn’t hard enough...* 8

What does it mean to be a “real” Catholic? Do you try to be one?

## JP2HS AS CHURCH

### Allie's first view of John Paul 2 High:

Allie straightened in her seat and looked out the window. What she saw made her more depressed than ever, if that was possible.

It looked like a school building, at least, but a very old and ugly one. The walls were built of dingy red bricks. The rows of windows were stained and dusty, and in some places the glass was cracked and fixed with peeling yellow tape; inside, yellowing blinds shrouded the inside. Allie and her mother had pulled into a parking lot of cracked gray asphalt, and a rusting aluminum porch stood directly in front of them, shading the front doors.

"This is *it*?" Allie whispered, almost awestruck by how ugly it was. The building was... a *dump*. A *sty*. 9

John Paul 2 High is currently a rundown building in need of repairs, with no savvy or glamour. Is the Catholic Church always attractive to you? The buildings? The people? Do they make you proud? Ashamed? Indifferent?

Is the unattractive "face" of Catholicism or some Catholics ever hard for you to deal with? What do you do when it is?

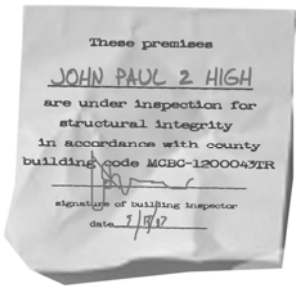
Is John Paul 2 High more than just a crumbling gloomy building? Is the Church more than an institution or a grumpy pastor? What does our faith say?

## PRAYER MATTERS

A few thoughts for prayer:

Help us to be "real" Catholics, and help us to understand what that means.

Help us to love the Church, even when all we see is ugly or drab. Open our eyes to see the truth of what the Church is and can be.



## CHAPTER TWO UNDER INSPECTION

Read the chapter separately or together: pp. 17-29  
Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### Persecutions will come

“I don’t like it.” Brian said, frowning darkly, and asked in a quieter voice, “Do you think that the government’s going to try to shut us down? You know, because we’re Catholic, and we’re actually trying to follow the Church’s teaching?”

George and Celia stared at him. “Oh, come on, Brian,” George said. “They’re just going to inspect the building, and honestly, can you blame them?”

“You don’t understand,” Brian said seriously, shouldering his bookbag. “You haven’t been homeschooled. I know what it’s like to get persecuted.” 23

Why would a homeschooler feel persecuted?

Are Catholics persecuted in today’s society? How? What about in other places in the world today? Some of the downsides of being persecuted (aside from the persecution):

- 1 getting stuck in a ‘victim’ or ‘defensive’ mentality.
- 2 Being unable to accept “real” or legitimate criticism (you see anyone who mentions your faults as attacking you the way your enemies attack you).

How can you avoid those kinds of pitfalls if you are ever persecuted?

## Watch What You Say

“How do you know the new student is a psycho creep?”  
Celia asked again.

“Believe me,” George said, batting the ball back to Liz with his ankle. “A mental case, like I said. A complete psycho. I wish your dad wasn’t so desperate for tuition money, Seal, or he wouldn’t take weirdoes like that one.”

“Weirdoes like who?” a steely voice answered, female.

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Why should we be careful of speaking about other people who aren't present?

## JPZHS AS CHURCH

That same anger from the morning boiled up in George in a moment. *Why does he have to be here? This is not fair!* 27

Why did Mr. Costain take James as a student, even if he seems to be an unpleasant person?

If you ran the Church, would you keep some people out? Why or why not?

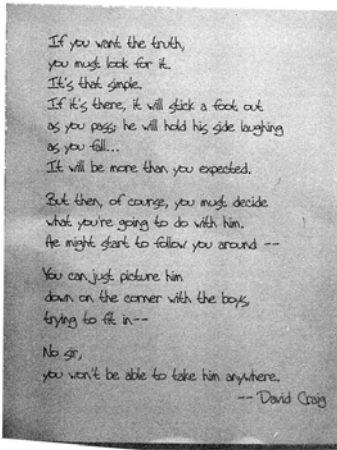
Is the Church a group of sinners or a group of saints? Which group would you prefer to belong to?

## PRAYER MATTERS

Strengthen persecuted Christians throughout the world and help them to keep the faith and not be afraid.

Help us to watch what we say about people, especially when we're "venting."

Give us the mind of the Church when it comes to dealing with "problem people."



## CHAPTER THREE THE GREAT WALL OF QUOTES

**Read the chapter  
separately or together:  
pp. 33-43  
Discuss these points:**

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### **Allie meets the Rosary**

Allie just stared at the rosary, an object that she had never actually held before or even seen up close. Confusion replaced her anger as she held the string of colored glass beads with little knots and medals on it. 34

Nothing in Church law requires Catholics to pray the rosary. Yet millions of Catholics do. And even non-Catholics recognize this as the most "Catholic" prayer after the Mass. Why is this? What is so compelling about the rosary?

Why does the Catholic Church recommend the Rosary as a prayer?

Do you pray the rosary? Why or why not?

When is a good time to start praying the rosary? How could you develop the habit of praying every day?

## Welcoming the Stranger

But the Happy Girl just smiled and said, “If anything here freaks you out, just let me know. I can explain things, okay? I really want you to feel comfortable here.” 38

When new people come to your church, do you notice? Should you? What should you do?

Most people who join the Catholic Church as adults do so because someone they know and really love is already a Catholic - a boyfriend, girlfriend, fiancée, or very close friend.

Is it possible that many people who are interested in becoming Catholic never do, just because no Catholic has ever reached out to them?

How can *you* reach out?

## GREAT WALL OF QUOTES

**Mr. Costain has the class read this poem:**

If you want the truth,  
you must look for it.  
It's that simple.

If it's there, it will stick a foot out  
as you pass; he will hold his side laughing  
as you fall...

It will be more than you expected.

But then, of course, you must decide  
what you're going to do with him.  
He might start to follow you around --

You can just picture him  
down on the corner with the boys,  
trying to fit in-- your friends will hate him  
but won't be able to ask him to leave because of his  
size.  
he'll try to sing the bass part, completely destroy  
the harmony.  
No sir,  
you won't be able to take him anywhere.  
-- David Craig

What do you think of the poem? What is it saying?

Each student in John Paul 2 High has a different reaction to the poem. Which student can you relate the most too?

*Allie: The truth is relative.*

*George: The truth can be found.*

*James: (paraphrasing G. K. Chesterton) The truth has been found too difficult to try.*

*Brian: The problem is with knowing the truth.*

*Liz: The truth is impossible to understand.*

*Celia: Living the faith is harder than understanding it.*

*JP: isn't paying attention to the truth.*

What is your reaction?

## PRAYER MATTERS

Help us to understand the Rosary more deeply (try praying a decade).

Help us to welcome strangers and friends to the Catholic Church.

Help us to take the Truth with us.



## CHAPTER FOUR FOLLOWED

Read the chapter separately  
or together: pp. 47-58

Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### Poem, Revisited

Catholicism. Truth. It was hard to talk about things like this – it was like using muscles she'd never used before. Allie creased the poem in half and put it in her notebook, but she couldn't shake the image of a nerdy, troublesome Truth following her around. 47

Do you ever feel like the Truth follows you?

If so, how does it affect you? Does it change your actions? If so, how?

#### Different Backgrounds

Brian glanced back at Allie. "Well, I think it's pretty neat to have a public school kid here. I don't like it when everybody's got the same background; it's not very interesting." 52

Do you agree with Brian? What problems are caused when people who work or live closely together have different backgrounds? What are the benefits, downfalls ?

### **The Divine Mercy Chaplet**

“A divine mercy chapel?” Allie said, surprised. “I didn’t know you guys had a chapel. Where is it?”

“No, no,” Celia said, and Allie noticed with annoyance that she was suppressing a smile. “A chaplet. It’s a sort of prayer. We say it on the rosary.” 55

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a devotion started by St. Faustina, a Polish nun from the last century. At first, the Church suspected her visions of Christ of being dangerous: but when Polish cardinal Karol Wojtyla became Pope, he gave the Church's blessing to this popular modern apparition. According to Sister Faustina, Christ asked Christians to pray this prayer at 3 PM every day on their rosary beads.

Have you ever prayed it before? What do you think of it?

### **PRAYER MATTERS**

Help us to be aware that the Truth is a Person, not just a concept.

Help us to appreciate people whose backgrounds are different from ours.

Help us to understand the Divine Mercy Chaplet (consider praying one as a group).



## CHAPTER FIVE TRYING OUT

Read the chapter separately or  
together: pp. 61-77  
Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### Bad influences

“I’m sure that if you and Brian stick together, you can stand up to any bad influences those kids might have, right?”

“Uh, sure, Mrs. Burke.”

Allie pursed her lips. *What? Are public school-kids contaminated or something?*

“I’m just used to knowing everyone Brian socializes with. I’ll be glad when John Paul 2 High is big enough to have its own sports teams.” 62

Why would Mrs. Burke be concerned? Is she being a reasonable parent? Overprotective? Responsible? Defend your response.

Was Mrs. Burke right to be worried about the team’s bad influences? What would you do in her shoes?

#### Feeling Weird

“Mrs. Burke?” Allie waved a hand. “Why don’t you

turn this way? The gym doors are closer.” *And my friends won’t see me getting out of your homeschool bus either.*

Once on the sidewalk, she tried to put as much distance between herself and the car as possible without seeming rude, and wished she had brought a normal change of clothes. 62

Why is Allie ashamed of being seen with her new classmates back at her old school?

Have you ever been embarrassed to be around good people? Openly religious people? Why?

Compare her actions with *George*, who is now totally committed to helping Brian make the team. Does making a small good choice ever make later, bigger choices easier? What do you think? What’s your experience?

## **Making Fun**

Madison laughed again, but Allie thought there was something unpleasant about the sound. “I don’t know why anyone would start a *new* Catholic school. I mean, come on, didn’t they ever hear of evolution? Scientific progress? Women’s rights? Hello!”

“Hey, *I’m* Catholic,” Allie said. Madison and Ginger looked at her, and she hesitated. “I mean,” she said quickly and lightly, “If *I’m* Catholic, it can’t be all that bad, right?” 68

Why does Madison stab at Catholicism? What do you think she thinks about the Church and evolution, science, and women’s rights? Is she accurate or mistaken in her impressions of the Church?

Is Madison’s reaction typical in your experience? Is it hard to speak up when someone jokes about your religion? What do you do or say when it happens to you? To others?

## PRAYER MATTERS

Help us to love other Christians, and not be ashamed to be identified with them.

Help us to speak out when others mock the Church.

Help us to rest in You, *God*.



## CHAPTER SIX INTO THE WOODS

**Read the chapter separately or together: pp. 81-90**  
**Discuss these points:**

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### **New Learning**

The rest of the week passed a little more quickly for Allie. She still longed to be back at Sparrow Hills, but she had to admit that at least Mr. Costain's classes were interesting. Still, she was drowning in the unfamiliar information about Church history, saints, theology, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the weird people with long names that Mr. Costain loved quoting, like Von Balthazar, Von Hildebrandt, T.S. Eliot, C.S. Lewis, G.K. Chesterton and too many others. *None of this is going to be helpful on a college application, I bet*, she thought to herself.

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What is the purpose of learning? Is it just to help you "get into college?" What about subjects like religion or theology? Are they there just to raise your GPA, or are they there for other reasons? Does it enrich your life? Does it help you understand yourself? Other people? The world?

## Eye Candy

His eyes fell on some of the magazines by the checkout counter – the usual trashy magazines. There were girls in bikinis on all the covers, and his eyes kept being pulled in that direction. George tried to look somewhere else, half-afraid that Allie or Celia would notice him. 84

Why doesn't George want to look at the trashy magazines? Is it natural for a guy to want to look at these sorts of things? If so, why shouldn't he?

Pornography is a serious problem that perverts love into empty pleasure and offers men an empty promise that's never fulfilled. It abuses women in particular, who are the heart of the family and society. Do some of the photos on magazine covers at grocery check-out lanes count as pornography? Why or why not?

## Immersion Experience

Allie had that weirded-out frustrated look on her face again. "Can't you guys look at *anything* without thinking about Mary, or Jesus, or something?"

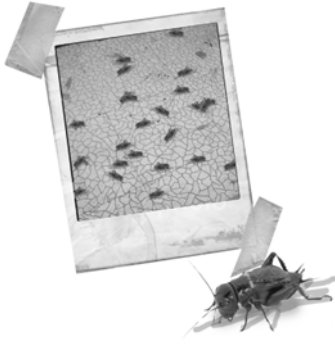
George was embarrassed, and looked at Celia to see how she would respond. But Celia didn't say anything right away. Then her eyes glazed over. "No, Allie," she said in misty voice. "We ... can't ... help it."

George started to snicker, and put on the same monotone. "Yes, Allie, we're ... *Catholic*." He started to walk towards Allie, stretching out his hands. "You must ... join us..." 86

What do you think of Celia's response to Allie? Why might talking about religion constantly make some people uncomfortable, especially those who are not used to it? How can you talk about religion without causing discomfort? Any ideas? Compare Celia's attitude with James'.

## PRAYER MATTERS

God, help us to love learning about You and Your world for its own sake. Purify our hearts and minds when it comes to pornography. Help us to be aware of people who don't understand our "lingo" or our group "attitudes."



## CHAPTER SEVEN FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

Read the chapter separately  
or together: pp. 93-103

Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### No Sense of Humor?

Allie shrieked, and Celia and Liz laughed. All over the floor, in the sinks, and in the stalls were ... crickets. Scores of little brown crickets, and every one of them was chirping happily.

“Great! Just great!” Allie said after recovering her breath. She hated bugs of all descriptions, and dissecting crickets in biology hadn’t improved her opinion of them. “How am I supposed to go to the bathroom now?”

“I can’t believe this!” said Liz. “Where did he get these?”

Celia couldn’t stop laughing. “This is so funny!”

Allie’s self-restraint snapped, “What’s so funny about it?”

“They’re just so cute!” Celia gasped.

A cricket jumped onto Allie’s shoe. She screamed in alarm, and shook her foot frantically. “Aah!! Get it off, get it off!” 95-96

Was it good for Celia and Liz to laugh at Allie? Does Allie have a good sense of humor? When someone is in a vulnerable position, like Allie, how sensitive is it to laugh at them? Not everyone has the gift of being able to laugh at themselves. Do you have that gift? If you don’t, would you want it?

## Breaking Down

Allie's irritation suddenly ballooned into anger. "I don't care what feast it is, Celia," she said savagely. "All I care about is that there are vermin in this trash heap of a school! You know it's a trash heap! You just don't want to admit it 'cause your dad's the principal!"

There was dead silence at her words. Celia's face suddenly crumpled as she stared at Allie. Slowly she stood up and walked out of the bathroom. 96

What is really bothering Celia? When someone breaks down, do you ever look for a deeper explanation? What would you do for Celia in this situation? How would you comfort her?

## Not My Problem

He glanced over his shoulder and saw Liz and J.P. deep in discussion. He groaned. *If they make this much trouble separately, what will they do together?*

-- *Not my problem, not my problem.* He remembered Celia sobbing, trying to save the school. He certainly couldn't save the school, and he was irritated that people seemed to want him to try to. 103

*Is it George's problem? Do you think he should have intervened? Why or why not? Can you stop people from doing what they want to do? If yes, why? If no, why not?*

## PRAYER MATTERS

Father, Help us to learn to laugh at ourselves, but to be sensitive around others.

Help us to look beneath the surface when others overreact.

Show us the right way to intervene when others are planning to do something wrong.



## CHAPTER EIGHT FRESH MEET

Read the chapter separately or  
together: pp 107-121

Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### Is temptation sin?

“Too bad,” Tyler said, thumbing through the magazine. “She kind of reminds me of my girlfriend. What do you think?”

George looked up again, dumbfounded. Tyler was looking right back at him to see his reaction.

*I can't believe this is happening.* “Yeah, you wish,” George finally said, turning away. His face felt hot.

*I should say something else. I really should,* his conscience nagged him as he got into his singlet. *You totally let him get away with that.*

*But anything I say is going to make the situation worse.*

*Yeah, it's not worth it. Just let it go.*

*Besides, you're not so holy yourself. Remember those magazines in the SpeedEMart today? You sure didn't look away too quickly then.* 109

Are George's actions really the same as Tyler's? Is being tempted by sin the same thing as sinning? What's the difference? Is George being too hard on himself? How would you react in George's position?

## Rocking the Boat

*Getz is just being a jerk, that's all. Just go on and show that you can take it, that you can be a good team member. Don't rock the boat.*

Rationalizing himself out of action, George walked out of the locker room and hurried into the gym. 109

What's wrong with *George's* thinking here? Christians have been 'rocking the boat' from the beginning of the Church. Can you think of examples of when Christians should have rocked the boat, and didn't?

"Recognize her?" Tyler said, and flashed a page of the *Playboy* at him.

Instantly, Brian flushed bright red. He turned away, shielding his eyes with one hand. It looked very strange in the locker room, and some of the wrestlers nearby laughed.

"What's the matter?" said one. "Haven't you ever seen a naked chick before?"

Brian made no reply. He didn't undress, but just pulled his clothes out of his locker, stuffed them into his gym bag and walked quickly out of the room. More laughter followed him out. 113

What do you think of Brian's reaction? How would you compare it to *George*? How would you react?

Pornography is based on the human body, which is created by God and is inherently good. Is Brian denying feminine beauty by his reaction? Or is he angered at the exploitation of a girl's body and guy's weakness? How could you explain Brian's reaction to someone like Tyler?

## Cleansing the mind

And he couldn't look Allie Weaver in the eye without remembering the *Playboy* centerfold. *Thanks a lot, Tyler.* He wished he could wipe that part of his memory clean like

Have you ever wanted to have a "memory wipe?" What can you do when you have a bad image or situation lodged in your mind? Are there ways to cleanse your mind and your imagination? Praying the rosary or reading Scripture can be healing.

St. Paul says in Philippians 4:8: *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

## PRAYER MATTERS

Jesus, help us to understand the difference between being tempted and actually sinning. Help us not to fool ourselves, but help us not to judge ourselves too harshly.

Help us to not be afraid to take a stand, even if it makes others upset.

Help us to not be afraid to leave the situation when temptation gets too much for us.

Give us the courage to stand up to those tempting us and pray for them.



## CHAPTER NINE GUNS

Read the chapter separately or  
together: pp. 125-131  
Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### When to Let Go

"The police can't figure out who the guy was. So I thought maybe if I found out what kind of gun he had, that might be a clue or something."

"I'm sure the police can find that out," George said cautiously.

"Yeah, but not fast enough to suit me!" Allie said. 130

Is it hard to admit that you do not always have control over important situations? When is it good to trust that others are going to take care of things? How would you feel if you were in Allie's position?

#### Trusting

It was odd that she had told him. George had been so distant these past few days, but now he seemed like he actually cared about what had happened to her. 131

When do you share your secrets with someone? Is it hard to entrust someone with them? Is it hard to trust God?  
How do you decide when to tell people? When to trust someone?

## JP2HS AS CHURCH

Then there was a loud cracking sound. The thing in the boy's hand flashed.

She seemed to be spinning in space for a moment as the world reeled crazily. Unable to breathe, she staggered, and fell to the hard, cold floor.

Allie's brush with darkness drives her parents to send her to John Paul 2 High to keep her safe: but she doesn't quite know what to do when she gets there.

Many times people will turn to the Church when they get scared or when tragedy strikes. The Church can be a wonderful comfort, but is it a truly safe place? Is Allie truly safe at John Paul 2 High? Are you Catholic because it "keeps you safe?" Or are you Catholic because it "makes you strong"?

## PRAYER MATTERS

Holy Spirit, help us to not be afraid to ask for help when we need it. Cleanse our minds and heal our hearts. Show us more of Your goodness, truth and beauty in this world. Show us when to trust others with our secrets.



## CHAPTER TEN SQUEALER

**Read the chapter separately or  
together: pp. 135-143**

**Discuss these points:**

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### **When to Tell**

“George?” Brian panted. “I’m going to tell everyone that it was me.”

George looked at Brian in astonishment. “No way! It’ll all blow over.”

But Brian’s face was grim and set. “I did what I did because it was right, and I’m not ashamed of it.” 137

Who do you agree with: Brian or George? Should Brian admit he told the coach about the porn, or should he just wait for it to blow over? What would you do?

What do you do when you feel strongly about your beliefs? Bring it up, or wait till the subject comes up naturally? Why?

#### **Special privilege**

Brian’s face turned crimson. “Excuse me,” he said indignantly. “What do you mean by ‘because you’re black?’”

George suddenly felt cold inside. He had forgotten what he had said to Tyler, and now it suddenly came back to him. He hadn’t even thought there was anything wrong with saying that, at the time. He was just looking for

*something* to say, some way to shield Brian, and that was the first thing that had come to mind... 140-141

How does this situation illustrate that the end does not justify the means? How did *George* trip himself up with the best of good intentions? Does *George* underestimate people? Do you?

### **Not Helping**

“I was just trying to help.”

Brian turned away again, his face taking on a stony expression. “I don’t need *that* kind of help.”

Brian didn’t speak to *George*, or even look at him, the whole ride home. 143

Does Brian have a right to be mad? Should he be more understanding? Who do you sympathize with more? Why?

## **PRAYER MATTERS**

Father, give us wisdom when we try to decide when to intervene in a situation.

Give us the wisdom to not underestimate others.

Give us wisdom when we try to help others. We know that good intentions aren’t enough.



## CHAPTER ELEVEN THAT WEIRD WORD

Read the chapter  
separately or together:  
pp. 147-158. Discuss  
these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### Hard to Apologize

Allie felt a twinge of guilt. She wondered for a moment if George had talked to Celia yet. She hoped so. 148

Allie has been avoiding Celia all week because she feels bad. Have you ever put off apologizing because it makes you uncomfortable?

#### Forgiveness

*veritatisplendor*: I forgive you.

*Hub?* Allie thought. That was odd. She'd been hoping for 'that's okay', or 'no big deal'. But 'I forgive you'? That was weird. She pondered the words for a moment. Weird. But not in a bad way. 152

How is saying "I forgive you" different from saying, "No problem," or "Don't worry about it, no big deal"? Which is more truthful? Which is more helpful? Which helps others to learn how their actions affect others?

What do you usually say? Is it important to use the right words? Why or why not?

## Half-Hearted Prayers

The next morning, George got out of his mom's car, weary and cranky. Before he even got inside, the Burke's van rumbled up, and dropped off Brian. As the van zoomed away, the younger boy glanced in his direction, and then quickly walked past him into the school.

George restrained a surge of anger and resentment. He was getting used to this. Brian hadn't spoken to him since last practice; this didn't encourage George to try to apologize again; not something that he was inclined to do anyhow. 154

The night before school, *George* prayed to "do the right thing," but when he sees Brian the next day does he follow through with his prayer? Do you ever pray for something half heartedly? Do you ever know what the right thing to do is, but then do it reluctantly? Does doing the right thing without feeling like doing it "count" as doing good? Does it count more?

## PRAYER MATTERS

Father, please help us to ask forgiveness from those we've hurt.

Thank You for listening to our half-hearted prayers.

Help us to make a habit of verbally forgiving others, so that it comes naturally to us.



## CHAPTER TWELVE DON'T HAVE A COW

Read the chapter  
separately or together:  
pp. 161-170  
Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### Speaking the Truth

“That’s not what happened. I did *not* insult anyone,” James retorted. “All I did was point out the truth. If he can’t take it, that’s *his* problem. Besides,” he added, “according to your silly poem, aren’t we supposed to ‘take the truth with us’? Isn’t the truth SUPPOSED to make us uncomfortable?”

George started to reply, but Mr. Costain shot him a warning look. “Miss Simonelli, in your view, what happened here?”

Liz hesitated. “Well...” she said. “James...James told Allie that her parents...that her mom and stepdad were living in mortal sin.” 161

What do you think of James' behavior? Is what he said true? Is what he said a hard truth? Should it have been said, in this context?

If you were in this situation, what would you have said to Allie? How would you have said it?

## Something that Should be Fixed

Celia sighed. “Okay, Are you sure your mom didn’t get an annulment?”

“I’m sure. My dad doesn’t go to church anymore because of that. Mom only goes at Christmas and Easter.”

“Well, in that case... yeah, there’s something wrong there. Something ... something that should be fixed.” 164

How is Celia’s presentation of the problem Allie’s parents have different from James’? Annulments are a confusing issue that can cause a lot of hurt and misunderstandings among Catholics. Do you understand the difference between an annulment and a divorce? Why does the Church require an annulment before a divorced person can marry again? (See the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1628, 1629, 1649, & 1650 on this issue.)

## Not the Righteous, but Sinners

“And you know what Jesus said to them?” Celia said. “He said, um, that ‘I have not called the righteous to repentance, but sinners.’”

“Oh,” Allie said. “That doesn’t sound too good.”

Celia chuckled a little. “Well, you got to think about it. I think that Jesus was being sarcastic, you know? Because, Allie...” she turned to her. “There *aren’t* any righteous people. We’re *all* sinners. You are, I am, my dad is, even *Mrs. Simonelli* is. So you *are* just like the rest of us.” 166

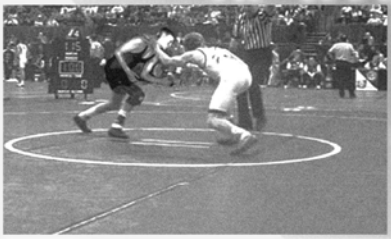
What do you think of what Celia said? Do you think of yourself as a righteous (aka “good” person) or a sinner? Which are you really? What happens when we forget that we are all sinners?

## PRAYER MATTERS

Jesus, teach us to speak the truth, but in love.

Please help those who have had, or are undergoing the process of, or are considering looking into getting an annulment. Give them honesty, wisdom, and strength to face their heartache.

Help us to never forget that we are sinners, just like everyone else.



## CHAPTER THIRTEEN SCHOOLED

Read the chapter  
separately or together:

pp. 173-178

Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### The Right Thing to Do

“Thanks,” Brian said stiffly. “You don’t need to look out for me.”

*Fine. I don’t want to anyhow.* George stared out the window. *I don’t need to stick my neck out. He can go and get himself beaten up if that’s what he wants . . . And I’ll just stand and watch . . .*

*. . . yeah, right.* 173

Do you think George is taking on a burden that he doesn’t need to take on? Or is the problem his attitude: should he view it as a burden? Explain your answer.

Do you ever feel thrust into taking responsibility when you are reluctant, but can’t get out of it? How do you handle it? How should you handle it?

#### Prayer

*Guess I could pray for him too,* he admitted to himself. His rosary was still in his pocket from school, and last year he had started praying it before a match. The ride to this

meet was long, and he might as well pray for both of them. That they would do well in the competition, and be able to handle whatever Tyler was up to. *Even if I never get any thanks for this...* 174

Have you ever done something good for someone that you never got thanked for? Do you expect to get thanked or rewarded every time you do good? Should you?

### **Anything That's Mine**

Tyler put his arm around his shoulders in a friendly way. "Now, now, Peterson. I know you're not the kind of guy who sets out to make trouble, are you? So I'm just going to tell you this once: you try to take anything away from me that's mine, and you're dead meat, see?" He paused and added, "And I mean *anything*." He raised his eyebrows significantly. "When you see my babe at school, tell her I said hi." 178

What does Tyler mean by "anything that's mine?" Can you *own* a person? A boyfriend? A girlfriend?

The Church *does* teach that a wife owns her husband's body and a husband owns his wife's body. (1 Corinthians 7:4) But what about people who are in a dating relationship?

If you date someone for a long time, does that mean that you "own" them? How is Christian marriage different from being in a serious relationship?

### **PRAYER MATTERS**

Father, help us to shoulder the right burdens, not the wrong ones. Help us to not be afraid to do the right thing, even when it might be too late. Help us not to claim ownership of someone who really belongs to God, not to us.



## CHAPTER FOURTEEN JAMES' IDEA

Read the chapter separately  
or together: pp. 181-188

Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### Flaring Up

George got up from his seat. She could see his embarrassment had turned to anger. “Okay, sorry. Forget I said anything.”

“Fine! I will!” She got up as well, irritated by his quick temper. This whole conversation was too strange. 182

Can you guess what *George* is really getting at? Why did he start this conversation with *Allie*? What is he trying to bring up? What is *Allie*'s response? Do you think it is a normal response? How would you respond in this situation?

Have you ever tried to bring up a difficult matter with someone, then realized the timing was wrong? What do you do in those situations? What's the best thing to do?

#### Give It A Try

“You know that idea that James had? About the All Saints Day Party? Well, I think that we should do it. I really do! It would be a great way for the whole school to come together, and it could be a lot of fun. Besides, no one really seems to...well, you know, *get along* with James, and this

would be a great way of letting him know that the rest of us really *appreciate* him. Oh, come on, George!” George had just rolled his eyes. “At least think about it! So I need you guys to help me convince the others. What do you think?”  
182-183

Celia tries to persuade the others to give James' idea a try, even if it's unusual. What do you think of Celia's idea? Would you go along with her idea or not? Can you see any problems that might arise?

### **Little Prayers**

“All right, Truth Person,” she growled to nobody as she slumped on the floor by her mom's bed, staring into the closet. “If you're still following me around, maybe you can tell me what I can wear to this saint party.” 188

Does Allie's complaint sound like a prayer? Does she get an answer to her prayer?

Do you ever entrust God with the little concerns in your life? Do you think He cares about them? Or does He only listen to “spiritual” prayers? Why or why not?

### **PRAYER MATTERS**

Holy Spirit, help us to understand how important timing is when bringing up difficult situations.

Help us to understand how to best love the difficult people around us.

Help us to let You into even the small concerns of our life, and understand that You care about everything that concerns us.



## CHAPTER FIFTEEN TWO BAD JOKES

Read the chapter separately or  
together: pp. 191-203

Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### Religious vocations

The cassock Fr. Borgia had let him borrow was immaculately tailored and didn't look like it had ever been worn. It fit George well, but he felt kind of weird wearing it, especially when Allie Weaver kept popping into his mind.

*I hope Fr. Borgia doesn't have any ideas about me becoming a priest, he thought nervously. I mean, it's only a costume...*

Would you say that George is uncomfortable with the idea of becoming a priest? Can you understand how he feels? How does the thought of considering a religious vocation make you feel?

How does today's culture discourage religious vocations? Some people make the whole idea seem like joining a cult or hiding from the world. What's the right attitude to have when considering a religious vocation?

#### Church History: Saints

In a few minutes, everyone else arrived, and Allie

couldn't help but be surprised by the costumes that the JP2 kids had come up with. First there was George, dressed up as some type of priest. Then Brian had come in wearing a breastplate of juice-can lids, with a wooden shield and a plastic sword; Allie thought he must be a knight.

Next Liz had walked in, dressed as an old lady. She had powdered her hair and was wearing a shawl, granny glasses, and, weirdly enough, she had put a pillow under her dress so that she looked pregnant.

"What are you supposed to be?" Allie had asked, and Liz had given her a 'duh' look.

"Isn't it obvious?" she said. "Just think of my name!"

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Can you guess what saint Liz is dressed up as? Who is Celia dressed as? How much do you know about the saints?

Fact: there are over 10,000 canonized saints from every time period since Christ and from nearly every country. The Church calls them "our older brothers and sisters in the Faith" since they struggled with many of the same problems we do, and overcame them.

Do you have a devotion to a particular saint? Why or why not? What do you think of James' idea of a Saint's Day Party?

### Pointing the Finger

"Stop it," George said impatiently. "I *know* you put a stink bomb in the furnace. You could have ruined the whole party. It's *not* funny."

"Somebody put a stink bomb in the furnace? Wow. That's pretty cool."

"Uh, *no*, actually it's not," George growled. 197

Do you think it was fair of George to jump to the conclusion that the stink bomb was planted by J.P.? Do you think J.P. did it? Why or why not?

Have you ever been in George's position? Do you ever jump to conclusions about someone that you know very well?

Have you ever been in J.P.'s position? How have you felt when you were? Why should we avoid jumping to conclusions?

## PRAYER MATTERS

Holy Spirit, please help us to be open to whatever vocation God might desire of us.

Help us to learn more about the holy men and women of every age who pray for us and encourage us from Heaven.

Help us to not jump too quickly to conclusions in a difficult situation.

All the Saints, pray for us.



## CHAPTER SIXTEEN SAINTS VS. SPOOKS

Read the chapter separately or  
together: pp. 207-220

Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### Trusting

At that moment, she didn't care if Tyler called her babe, and was a bully, and had been hanging out with Madison. He was big, and strong, and solid. *He* could protect her. That nerdy little Truth Guy . . . she wasn't so sure. 210

Why is Allie willing to overlook all Tyler's shortcomings and vices right now? Is she really making a reasonable decision? Is it easy to lose sight of the truth when you are scared?

Does Christ ever seem weak to you, especially on the Cross?

Does Christ keep us safe or make us strong?

#### Being Wrong

Suddenly she felt sad. George had said she was beautiful. And she had ditched George to be with this guy, who said she was "hot" and "sexy." 214

Allie suddenly sees the difference between George and Tyler and realizes that she had made the wrong decision when she left the JP2

kids. What do you do when you realize that you made the wrong decision? Who does Allie feel "sad" for? George? Tyler? Herself?

## **Spiritual Battle**

For a moment George glanced up at the crowd; there were Sparrow Hills kids gathered all around, and more in the bleachers. In that moment, all the grim, bizarre costumes seemed sinister; it was almost as if he was surrounded by witches, demons, hooded figures. A crazy thought shot through his head: *Maybe this is what the martyrs felt like, in the Coliseum.*

Do you think there is a battle going on between the forces of good and evil in this world? If so, how much are you aware of it? How much of this battle do you see reflected in the real world?

## **PRAYER MATTERS**

Jesus, help us to trust You to guide us and strengthen us.  
Open our eyes to the truth and help us to make right choices.  
Protect us in the spiritual battle taking place in the world today.



## CHAPTER SEVENTEEN CHOOSING SIDES

**Read the chapter separately or  
together: pp. 223-231**

**Discuss these points:**

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### Praying Not to Decide

People all around chanted, “Ty-ler! Ty-ler!” and Allie found herself joining in. “Ty-ler! Ty-ler!” she yelled.

*But I don’t want either of them to win, she thought. I want it to be a tie. Please, God, let it be a tie... 223*

Why does Allie pray for the match to be a tie?

Have you ever prayed to avoid a hard decision? Do you think God answers those kinds of prayers? Why or why not?

#### End of the Match

“What’s going on here?”

Silence fell as Coach Lamar strode into the gym. He was still wearing the gorilla suit, but he had taken off the mask, and there was a surprised, angry look on his face.

“Getz! Peterson! What’s going on here?” 228

Although the match ended safely, would you have advised George to wrestle, or not?

What sort of questions can be settled by physical confrontation? Some? Any? None? Explain.

### **Sowing Seeds**

“Well, that’s better than nothing,” Mr. Costain said as he pulled out of the Sparrow Hills parking lot. “Evangelizing is really hard work, you know. But you never know what kind of seeds you’ll sow.” 231

What does Mr. Costain mean by “sowing seeds?”

Do you think the whole Halloween Dance adventure sowed any seeds?

When do we “sow seeds” by our actions?

## **GREAT WALL OF QUOTES**

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

What sort of “sower” are you? Stingy, or generous?

## **PRAYER MATTERS**

Lord, grant us the courage to take a stand and make difficult decisions, to cast our seeds far and wide and deep.

Give us the grace we need to be witnesses to Your glory and Your promise, and a light unto the nations.



## Chapter Eighteen James' Revenge

**Read the chapter separately or  
together: pp. 235-247**

**Discuss these points:**

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### **Hypocrites**

And today, he wasn't feeling the least bit prayerful—just really, really ticked off with James.

During prayers, George planned his confrontation with James. He was itching to demand an explanation and barely noticed what he was saying. 235-236

Should *George* have stopped praying so long as he felt angry? Or did the prayer help him to restrain his anger? Is there grace in praying when you don't feel like praying? Defend your answers. Does prayer help soothe you when you are angry? If so, why do you think this is? Is it good to develop a habit of stopping to pray when you are angry?

#### **Patronized**

Celia gasped. She suddenly looked horrified. "Oh, James! You...you heard us talking, didn't you?"

"Yes, I overheard your patronizing conversation," James snarled. "Listen carefully: I don't want to be part of your little society, I don't want to be your buddy, I don't need your condescension, and I don't want to be patronized."

He glowered at them all. 237

Were all of James' classmates patronizing him? Was George? Was Celia?

What was the difference between George's attitude, and Celia's? Were their intentions totally sincere? Defend your answer.

## Good for Us

Gratitude surged through her. But Mr. Costain continued.

"But even if you had thrown that brick, I would still want you at our school."

"Why?" Allie asked, and added, "--Don't tell me, because it's good for me, right?"

"No," Mr. Costain said, "Because it's good for *us*."

He looked in her eyes a moment longer, then winked.

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Why did Mr. Costain say that?

Do you think it's true?

Why is it good for "serious" Catholics to be around people like Allie who don't know much about the faith?

## PRAYER MATTERS

Father, help us to be genuine with You even when our feelings don't match our desires.

Help us to sincerely love the difficult people in our lives.

Help us to appreciate more deeply the mystery of how everyone in the Body of Christ works together.



## CHAPTER NINETEEN THE BIG DECISION

Read the chapter separately  
or together: pp. 251-263

Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### Pornography Use

Besides, she *liked* dating Tyler. That was what George didn't understand. It was just nice, dating someone like Tyler, who was big and strong, handsome and popular. It was secure. So, he wasn't perfect – big surprise. He acted like an idiot with his little boys' club – another big surprise. But he didn't do it in front of her, and she felt safe when she was with him.

*He calls you hot, the Truth guy insisted. He calls you babe. He never calls you beautiful.* 251

What would you tell Allie to do, now that she knows about his porn use?

What would you do if you discovered your boyfriend or girlfriend used porn?

Many porn users claim it doesn't affect their relationships with others. Do you think that Tyler's bad habit affects his relationship with Allie? How?

Does he treat her as an object? How?

## Playing him

One voice was like a sweet, enveloping mist. It told her to go back to their table and let Tyler kiss her again. *You're lucky to have a guy like him. He does like you. Didn't he just prove it? Just relax. Enjoy yourself a little.*

The other voice was like an alarm bell. *He's playing you! He is so playing you, and you're letting him!*

*So what? You can play him too. It's not a big deal.* 260

Is it ever right to "play" someone? To play with someone's affections, as though they were your toy?

Some people say, "if my lover or spouse is unfaithful to me, I have the right to be unfaithful to him." Is there such a thing as a "right" to hurt someone?

*Chastity is the freedom to dump losers. – Mary Beth Bonacci*

How did Allie feel after she dumped Tyler? Do your feelings ever give you important clues as to whether or not what you're doing is right?

Physical affection forms a bond. When Allie kissed Tyler, did it make it easier or harder for her to do the right thing?

Does kissing form a bond that's hard to break? How can you make that bond work for you instead of against you?

## PRAYER MATTERS

Lord, guide us in our relationships with others. Grant us the patience to wait and make the right decisions, and guide us away from rash action.

Most of all, we pray for the intentions of our future spouses, and that we may recognize them when the time is right.



## CHAPTER TWENTY THE HAZING

**Read the chapter  
separately or together:  
pp. 267-276  
Discuss these points:**

### GREAT WALL OF QUOTES

*“There is a great man who makes every man feel small. But the real great man is the man who makes every man feel great.” - G. K. Chesterton*

Why do some people choose to tear others down? Is it ever right to do so, even to someone who's doing evil? Have you found yourself so jealous of others that you considered acting like Tyler? How can you improve yourself in your own life to be the great man or woman who makes others feel great?

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### **In the Fire**

“Where is he?” Brian said, and his voice was angry.

“Did you beat him up too?”

“I *told* you, Burke,” Flynt said in a mock-patient voice.

“He must have taken off. He said he was so sick of you always hanging around, pretending to be a wrestler...”

George’s heart seemed to twist in his chest. *God, please don’t let Brian listen to him...please... 274*

Which was the worst torment for Brian - being humiliated or being lied to?

Which would be harder for you to handle?

## **In the Dark**

Tyler waved mockingly and shut the door. George listened to his footsteps as he jogged out of the gym.

Then George rolled over, kicking the *Playboy* out of his vision. He swallowed against the gag, and listened. *So this is what you get for sticking your neck out and being Catholic. Nothing.*

*Failure. 276*

Is George's reaction the truth?

Has George really failed? At what?

Christ said, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him take up his cross, shoulder it, and follow after Me..."

Was this a warning?

## **PRAYER MATTERS**

O God, You are slow to anger and rich in forgiveness. Teach us how to be the same.

Help us to avoid jealousy and anger, and instead concentrate on how we can help others to be great.



## CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE SECTIONALS

Read the chapter  
separately or together:  
pp. 279-291

**Discuss these points:**

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### **Modesty Matters**

Allie looked skeptically at Liz's short skirt and low-cut blouse, an outfit that Mrs. Simonelli definitely would *not* have approved of. "Why are you dressed like that, anyway?" This is a wrestling match, remember?"

"I gotta look good," Liz said. "Or else I'll end up with no boyfriend, like you two." 279

What do you think of Liz's logic for why she is the only one with a boyfriend? Have you ever felt that you had to dress a certain way to keep certain friends? Why did you feel this way?

#### **Called**

*Why do I have to be a SPECIAL Catholic, a John Paul 2 High kid?*

*I'm just so sick of being . . . called.*

Weary, sore, and humiliated, he put his head down and prayed.

*Whatever.*

*Whatever You want.*

*. . . I guess that's what's going to happen anyhow. 286*

Is every Catholic "called"? Do you feel "called?"

Does God see a purpose in our suffering?

Is there a mystery in being "called to suffer?"

What does George's suffering do for him?

## JP2HS AS CHURCH

"It's like *we're* on a quest to—"

"Rescue St. George?" Allie snapped. "That's backwards!"

"Not really. Sometimes the knights of King Arthur were rescued by fair maidens. Girls had to do the rescuing too. It's like something out of G.K. Chesterton," Celia added dreamily.

Why is it two girls who set off to rescue George?

Can you think of times in Church history when girls "had to do the rescuing?" Saint Joan, Catherine of Siena, and in our own time, Mother Teresa were all women who led the way to rescue their societies from evil, and succeeded.

Is the Church really male-focused, as some people claim? Or is the Church the place where the very feminine contributions of women were recognized and praised long before the rest of the world caught on?

Men and women can't work alone: both genders need one another.

Think about how both sexes work together in the Church today.

## PRAYER MATTERS

Father, help us to cry out to You when we suffer, just as Christ did on the Cross.

Let us be aware that our bodies are living sacrifices and need to be honored by how we dress.

Help us to see the ways in which girls and boys, men and women, depend on each other and need one another in Christ's Church.

Make your own prayers based on the discussion.



## CHAPTER TWENTY TWO THE SPLENDOR OF TRUTH

Read the chapter separately or  
together: pp. 295-312

Discuss these points:

### IN-SIGHTING INCIDENTS

#### To Lay Down Your Life

Allie bit her lip. Everything in her wanted to run, to get out of here. She started backing down the hall. “We’re leaving.”

“But Allie—” Celia grabbed her hand. “George!”  
*Better George than me, Allie thought. 296*

It’s hard to figure out the right thing to do when we are scared. While God doesn’t ask us to take unnecessary risks, there may be times in our lives where we need to help others at the risk of hurting ourselves. When should we run and when is it selfishness to run? Have you ever been in a situation like this? What did you do? Was it the right thing to do?

#### Celia or Allie?

The door to his prison swung open. Celia Costain climbed over the pile of mats and dropped beside him, her black curly hair framing her relieved face. He’d never been so glad to see his oldest friend.

And then the last person he wanted to see him right now appeared: Allie Weaver. 300

Why is George happy to see Celia but not Allie? What is different about his relationship with the two girls? Which one would you rather see if you were in George's situation?

## **Splendor of Truth**

“Veritatis Splendor,” she whispered again, and for the first time she thought it sounded beautiful. “Veritatis Splendor! Wow!” 311

Allie grasps the meaning of “Veritatis Splendor” for the first time and it makes her happy. Why?

Have you ever found the Truth making you happy? Have you ever had an experience like Allie's?

Have you ever been through something that taught you the Truth, even if you thought you knew it before?

## **PRAYER MATTERS**

Jesus, give us the grace to lay down our life for our friends when the time comes.

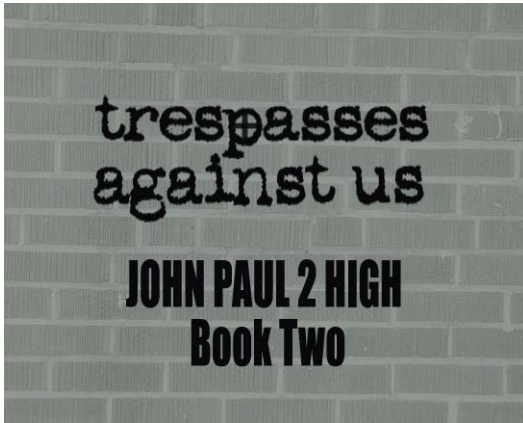
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