

# SEASONS OF GRAY

## A MODERN DAY JOSEPH STORY

### PERSONAL JOURNALING GUIDE

**Hated and betrayed by his brothers, Brady Gray is forced off of the family ranch and must start a new life in Dallas. With a good job and a promising romance, better days seem to lie ahead until Brady is framed for a crime he didn't commit.**

Based on the story of Joseph, *Seasons of Gray* tells us the ultimate story of grace, forgiveness, and hope. These questions can help you unpack the powerful message of hope found in *Seasons of Gray*.

1. 1 John 4:9 plays a big role in the movie. "We love because He first loved us." What does that mean in your daily life?
2. Can we escape our stories? Is life transformation possible in the midst of the chaos of our lives?
3. Do you think there is something that has been done to you or that you have done to someone else that is unforgivable?
4. Brady says, "There are some choices that cross a line and you know once that line is crossed, your life isn't ever going to be the same again." Do you believe that, or are forgiveness and transformation possible?
5. Is it OK to question God? Why or why not? Read Psalm 13 for how David questioned God and pay special attention to how he ends his "questioning".
6. Where is God when things are so broken that you cannot believe they will ever be fixed?
7. How many people do you go past every day and don't bother to stop, especially when they look like roadkill? What should you do in those situations? How does Luke 10:30-37 inform your answer?
8. What do you do when you listen and plead for God's voice and there is no voice that answers back?
9. Biggs asks Brady when he is first incarcerated an important question for all of us: When you are in a dark place, are you going to be bitter or are you going to trust His hands to make something out of your mess?
10. When Brady hits the bottom and is thrown into solitary confinement, Biggs passes him a note that lifts his spirits. Where do you turn when you hit the bottom?
11. Brady puzzles over the whys in his life? How do you answer the why questions in your own life?
12. When Jamison is getting out of prison, Brady gives him the note Biggs passed to Brady in solitary confinement. The note reads: "Everybody trusts God on a good day with \$20 in their pocket." Brady says it for the days when Jamison feels broke. Where do you turn when you feel broke or alone? Are you willing to trust God with those days?
13. Brady says, "I didn't choose this" — what all has happened to him — "I am making the best of things." "No," replies Kate, and, repeating 1 John 4:9, she challenges Brady's decision not to reach out to and forgive his brothers. She adds, "Is this how Jesus loved you?" How does Jesus love you? How will you respond?
14. At the end of the movie, Brady tells Ryan, "What you did to hurt me, God used to save you. He hasn't wasted a single day . . ." God uses the hard circumstances of your life to transform your life. Will you let Him?
15. Whose hands are you putting your life in? Who are you trusting? Do you think that God forgives you? Loves you? What will you do in response?