

## SUMMARY

Erwin McManus opens up the idea of uncertainty by proclaiming that although we don't control how we die, we choose how we live. Choosing to live in relationship to God means choosing a life of uncertainty. McManus discusses how we as people fear the unknown, but in the unknown is where God moves. We often wait for guarantees, but with God, nothing is guaranteed except his love and faithfulness, which lay a strong foundation of trust.

Erwin talks about the difference between the 1st and 2nd dimensions of faith, the 1st relating to experiences outside our comfort zone, internal changes, and obedience, and the 2nd relating to miracles and experiences outside the explainable. We need to journey into places where we won't succeed without the help of God, because otherwise we would be denying our need for Him. We can't expect miracles from the 2nd dimension without having 1st dimension faith. We can live in uncertainty while still being certain in the goodness of God!

God will always call you to more; your sacrifices of today may not suffice for what is needed the next day. Living in relationship with God isn't a way of escape, but a way of growth and faith, in order to move us forward into the unknown. Let's go into the unknown together!

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What doors have you closed or feared going through that may need to be opened?
- How have you seen God move in the unknown in your life?
- How have you strengthened your 1st level faith since you began walking with Jesus?
- How is God calling you to live a life of 2nd level faith and what steps are you taking to get there?

## CHAPTER SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 14:6, 1 Samuel 7:3, Isaiah 38:5-6, Hebrews 11:8, Judges 6:5-6, 2 Timothy 1:8-9, Ephesians 2:10, Galatians 5:13, Galatians 4:17, Luke 22:42, Hebrews 11:35-39, John 9:3 & 9:11, Exodus 14:16, Joshua 3:12-13, Romans 16:20, Psalm 23:4, Jeremiah 20:7-8, Jeremiah 1:7-8, Jeremiah 1:19, Amos 4:12, Amos 5:4-6, Daniel 3:16-18.

**“As long as your life is in your control, your life is not in God's control.”**

- Erwin Raphael McManus