



WHAT DO
YOU ALLOW
TO DEFINE
YOU?

OVERCOMER

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. John Harrison's basketball team is on the road to success, but because of circumstances he can't control, his life and team take a detour. Have you experienced a similar disappointment? How did you respond?
2. When Hannah prepares to attend Brookshire, she's certain she won't fit in, thinking Christians look down on those who don't follow a list of rules. How true would you say Hannah's assessment is?
3. In chapter 15, Amy has every right to be upset with John, but rather than being angry, she assures him of her love. What happens as a result? When conflict comes, how do you generally respond? Have you ever been treated the way Amy treated John?
4. Thomas asks John, "Who are you?" He's getting to John's core identity. John says he's a coach, a history

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teacher, husband, father, etc. How did John's identity change throughout the story? Why? If you were asked the same question now, how would you respond?

5. After discussing Hannah's situation with Olivia Brooks, the Harrisons decide not to consult Barbara, Hannah's grandmother, about introducing Hannah to her father. Did they make the right choice? Have you ever been forced to make a similar choice about whether or not to bring someone into a decision? What happened?
6. When Mrs. Brooks talks with Hannah about her relationship with God, Hannah is ready to listen and respond. Why do you think she is open at this point in her life?
7. Reread Hannah's proclamation in chapter 31 about who she is. Which of her statements do you find most powerful? Which do you find hardest to believe about you?
8. In chapter 37, Barbara thinks, "It was one thing to believe God could forgive a sinner. It was another thing to believe that the sinner could live forgiven." Who is the person hardest to forgive in your life? Is it difficult for you to "live forgiven"?
9. With her father's voice to guide her, Hannah runs in the state championship. How would her story have

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changed if she hadn't medaled or even finished the race? How does your performance affect your identity? How should it?

10. What physical, emotional, and spiritual obstacles do the characters in this novel overcome? John? Hannah? Thomas? Barbara? Ethan? Amy?
11. Are there people in your life who need a mentor? How might you begin such a relationship?
12. If you could reconnect with one person from your past, who would it be? What would you want to change about your relationship?
13. The title *Overcomer* comes from a Bible verse: "Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:5). In your own life, is there anything you need to overcome?