

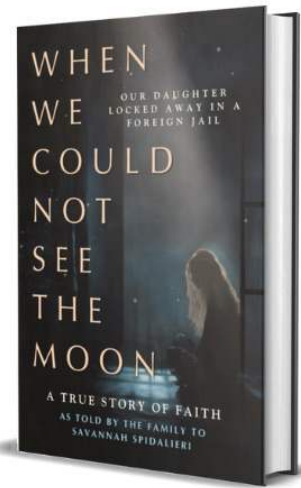
# Book Club

## Discussion Prompts

### WHEN WE COULD NOT SEE THE MOON

Our Daughter Locked Away in a Foreign Jail

As told by the family (Jan and Tammy de Weerd) to Savannah Spidalieri  
[www.whenwecouldnotseethemoon.com](http://www.whenwecouldnotseethemoon.com)



#### GENERAL DISCUSSION

##### 1. Understanding the Experience

- a. Why do you think this family shared this very personal, harrowing story? Would you have shared this experience?
- b. What emotions or insights did this story evoke for you?
- c. How did the family's journey reshape your perspective on handling crises?

##### 2. Empathy and Support

- a. How would you respond if a friend or family member faced a similar situation?
- b. What practical or emotional support could you offer if they were far away or out of reach?

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**FOR PARENTS**

1. Preparation for Teen and Young Adult Travel

- a. What routines or precautions do you have in place when your children travel?
- b. What safety advice or resources should parents share with their kids before international trips?

2. Parenting During a Crisis

- a. How would you manage your emotions and responsibilities if your child was detained or in danger far from home?
- b. What steps can parents take to ensure their children know how to navigate emergencies abroad?

3. Balancing Freedom and Oversight

- a. How do you give your children independence while staying informed about their plans?
- b. Reflect on any changes you might make after reading this book.

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**FOR PEOPLE OF FAITH**

**1. Faith as a Foundation**

- a. How did the family's faith influence their actions and decisions during the crisis? Was there a specific moment in the book that spoke to you?
- b. Reflect on how your faith has guided you during your own challenges.

**2. Community and Prayer**

- a. How can a faith community support individuals or families in crisis?
- b. Do you turn to prayer or spiritual practices when you face the unknown? Why or why not?

**3. Spiritual Resilience**

- a. What does the book teach about maintaining hope and trust in God during extended adversity?
- b. Are there Bible verses or faith-based strategies that you rely on during difficult times?

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**PRACTICAL REFERENCES AND RESOURCES**

**1. Government Assistance for American Citizens**

- a. Discuss the role of U.S. embassies and consulates in providing aid to detained or endangered citizens abroad.
- b. What steps can families take to contact their embassy in an emergency?

**2. Non-Profit and Humanitarian Organizations**

- a. Highlight organizations that offer legal aid, crisis management, and family support in international disputes or detentions.
- b. Share tips on identifying credible organizations and resources.

**3. Preparedness and Awareness**

- a. What essential documents (e.g., travel insurance, emergency contacts, copies of IDs) should travelers have in case of emergencies?
- b. Discuss how to research local laws and cultural practices before traveling to reduce risks.

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