



# PRINCE OF PEACE

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## Discussion Questions for Miracles and Other Reasonable Things

### Introduction

- What does it mean to you that “God becomes and God unbecomes?”
- Has God ever unbecome for you? What caused the unbecoming?
- Sarah Bessey asks us to stick with her if the book becomes too much or too little. If you have read the whole book, were there times that happened? Did it ever become hard to stick with her? (If you have not yet read the whole book, come back to this question when you finish.)

### Chapter 1

- Are there signs (animals, words, people, songs) that appear to you at key moments? What do they mean to you?
- Where do you see God in the “mud?”

### Chapter 2

- Do you have letters you keep? Why do you keep them?
- Have you experienced an ordeal that was not “worth it” until long after it was over? What ultimately made it worth it?

### Chapter 3

- How do you experience the kind of love that shows up to work?
- What does it mean to you to “make eye contact with unanswered prayers?” Do you have unanswered prayers? How do you deal with them?

### Chapter 4

- When have you had to admit you were not in charge? How hard or easy was it?
- Have you had a rock bottom? More than one? How did it change you?

### Chapter 5

- Is your faith life now different than how you were raised? How?
- How do you deal with people whose faith traditions you don’t agree with?
- When have you been able to see what you usually take for granted? What allowed you to see the ordinary with new eyes?

### Chapter 6

- What is your preferred worship style? What speaks to you about it?
- Have you ever been surprised to feel the presence of God in someone else’s house?



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## Chapter 7

- Have you ever experienced a “word of knowledge,” either directly or from someone else?
- Have you ever “just known” what someone needs or needs to hear? Can you see that as a gift from the Holy Spirit?

## Chapter 8

- Have you ever experienced an appointment that God set for you? How did you know? Was it hard or easy to keep it?
- Do you tend to experience more: unity without diversity or diversity without unity?
- How do you react to having your suffering seen and named by others?

## Chapter 9

- What is your experience with big miracles?
- What is your experience with suffering? Are you able to welcome your brokenness, failings, illness, addiction as a friend?
- Have you gone through a “summer of wallow?”

## Chapter 10

- How were you taught to pray? Has that changed? Who or what caused you to change it?
- Has prayer ever seemed ridiculous, ineffective, or impossible?
- Are there ritual or traditional prayers that bring you comfort?

## Chapter 11

- Have you ever lost a miracle?
- What does it mean to you to “choose life?”

## Chapter 12

- What does self-comfort look like for you? What does radical self-care look like?
- How comfortable are you with the image of God as Mother?

## Chapter 13

- Is it hard to feel like you belong – in your family, with your friends, in church, to God – when you are broken? Why is that?

## Chapter 14

- What do you want to return to when life is rough?
- Have you ever made a pilgrimage? Where to? Why? What did you find there?
- Can you see your body – with all its sloppers, pains, hungers, and desires – as a temple where God dwells?

## Chapter 16

- What are some of your once upon a times? What do you hope for your ever after?