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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

In His Steps

Author:

Charles Monroe Sheldon

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.

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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

Rachel Winslow has a special singing gift. How does she decide to use it, and do you think her decision is easy or hard? Explain.

Example answer: I think Rachel decides that her voice should be used to help people and honor God, not just to make herself famous. This is hard for her because she could have a big career and receive praise from many people. She has to give up something exciting. Her choice shows that she is brave and wants her talent to have a good purpose.

Chapter 31

By the end of the book, which character's choice best shows the meaning of In His Steps, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What happens to Loreen, and how does her story make the pledge group feel more responsible for the suffering around them?

Example answer: Loreen's life is hurt badly by the troubles in the Rectangle, especially the saloon and the sadness around it. Her story makes the pledge group see that suffering is not just an idea; it happens to real people. I think they feel guilty that they did not help sooner. They also feel more determined to work for change.

By the end of the book, which character's choice best shows the meaning of In His Steps, and why?

Example answer: I think Henry Maxwell's choice best shows the meaning of In His Steps. He starts the pledge, but he also has to live it himself and not just tell others what to do. He learns that following Jesus means helping people, giving up comfort, and making hard choices. His example helps many other people decide to change too.

Chapter 1

How does the visit from the unemployed man disturb Maxwell's ordinary week, and what does it show about the church's first response to someone in need?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

Maxwell has a powerful vision of Jesus and the people who suffer. What lesson does the vision teach about true discipleship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

As more cities and churches hear about the pledge, what good results and new problems do you predict could happen?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

When the stranger speaks in church, what is he asking the people to think about, and why do you think his words bother them so much?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Why does Maxwell ask church members to take the pledge to ask WWJD, and what makes the promise difficult?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Choose one character in this chapter who has changed since the beginning. What is the biggest change you notice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Some people think the pledge is too strict for real life. What would you say to someone who thinks that?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

How does Edward Norman begin to change the Daily News, and what does his choice show about his courage?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Rachel Winslow has a special singing gift. How does she decide to use it, and do you think her decision is easy or hard? Explain.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

How do the college students or young people respond to the challenge of WWJD, and what hopes or worries come with their response?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What does this chapter show about friendship between rich people and poor people when they meet as equals?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

As Norman's newspaper loses money and readers, what does the chapter teach about doing right when it costs something?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What problem does Alexander Powers face at the railroad, and how does asking WWJD help him decide what to do?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

How does Felicia Sterling use her skills and home training to serve people who have had fewer chances than she has?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

The word temptation can mean a strong pull to do the easier or wrong thing. What temptation does a character face in this chapter, and how is it handled?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How do Virginia Page and Rachel react when they visit the Rectangle, and what do they learn about the people who live there?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Virginia wants to use her money in a new way. What do you think her wealth can do for the Rectangle, and what problems might she meet?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

When church leaders visit poorer parts of the city, what sights or experiences make them understand the needs more clearly?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Dr. Bruce thinks about leaving an easy, respected place of work for harder service. Would you support his choice? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How does Rollin Page begin to change from a selfish young man into someone who wants to serve others?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

The story often uses the word sacrifice. What does sacrifice mean in this chapter, and which character gives up something important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

What does Bishop Hampton begin to notice about comfortable Christians and poor city neighborhoods?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

How does Dr. Calvin Bruce respond when he hears about the Raymond pledge, and what questions does it raise for his own church?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What does the rescue of Loreen show about kindness, patience, and seeing every person as valuable?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

The people in Raymond try to fight the power of the saloon. What do you think is the strongest reason they want it closed?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

The WWJD idea begins to spread beyond Raymond. Where do you think it will go next, and what kinds of people might be challenged by it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

After a hard loss, how do Maxwell and the others show that following Jesus is not only about words but about action?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How do different members of the pledge group work together, and why is teamwork important in their mission?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Rachel's music reaches many people in the Rectangle. Why do you think her singing can change hearts in a way speeches may not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What happens to Loreen, and how does her story make the pledge group feel more responsible for the suffering around them?

New word I learned:

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