

## Discussion Questions for *Surrender to Love* by MaryAnn Diorio

1. Teresa struggles greatly to deal with the grief that follows her husband's death. In fact, she struggles so much that even after five years, she cannot move on with her life. Have you ever suffered with deep grief? How did you handle it? Does God offer insight in His Word as to how to handle grief?
2. Marcos is a man of prayer who is having serious challenges being a single father. What are some of the challenges that single parents face? How can you, as a follower of Jesus, help a parent who is raising a child alone? Perhaps you are that parent. What kind of help would you appreciate from others in the Body of Christ?
3. Teresa learns at the end that fear of pain kept her from moving on with her life. Have you ever been so afraid that you became emotionally paralyzed? What did you do? What does God have to say about fear in His Word?
4. Pilar blames herself for her mother's death by believing a lie. What lies have you believed that have caused you unnecessary anguish? Jesus said that knowing the truth will set us free (John 8:32). Why does knowing the truth make us free? How can we know the truth?
5. Marisol wants what is best for her daughter Teresa, but sometimes Marisol can be overbearing. How can we influence our children without interfering with their free wills?
6. What does it mean to surrender to Christ? Can you give examples in your life when you have surrendered to Christ? What were the consequences? Can you give examples in your life when you did not surrender to Christ? What were the consequences?
7. What does it mean to surrender to love? Is it true that loving involves pain? What can one do if she is afraid of the pain that loving may bring? What does the Cross have to say about the pain of loving?
8. What role does surrender play in the life of a follower of Jesus? Why is it that many Christians are afraid to surrender? What is it that one surrenders when one follows Jesus?
9. What did you learn from reading this story? Was there one thing that touched your heart in a special way?
10. Did this story make you think about your life in a new way? Did it make you think about Jesus in a new way?