

The FINAL SUMMIT

READER'S GUIDE QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 1

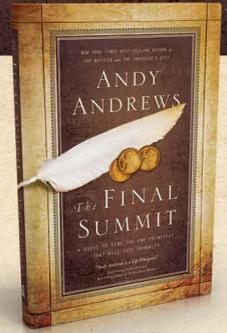
- 1 Make a list of the Seven Decisions. Which of these Seven Decisions is the hardest to apply to your life? Which of these Decisions is the easiest to implement? Explain your answer.
- 2 Looking back on your life, name one incident that you might regret. Of the Seven Decisions mentioned above, which one could have helped you the most in that situation? How can seeking wisdom help in these types of situations?
- 3 “Adversity is preparation for greatness.” What does this mean to you, and how can it apply to your life?

CHAPTER 2

- 1 What would it be like to live “in truth” every day? Would this make your life harder or easier? Explain your answer.
- 2 In your own life, do you have memories for which you have “rewritten the history to make it more ‘palatable’”? If so, why do you think you have done so? Did it work for or against you in the long run?
- 3 Do you ever turn from the real truth to recreate your own version of truth? If so, does this ever help your future?
- 4 Has someone ever entrusted you with a seemingly overwhelming responsibility that you didn't think you were capable of? Did you try? If so, were you more capable than you had originally anticipated?
- 5 Why is David considered the perfect example of the human race or “common man”? List three reasons why David was chosen as a leader.
- 6 Do you ever use your personal “failures” to advance your own “wisdom's cause”?

CHAPTER 3

- 1 Up until now, have you experienced an “intermission” in your life? If so, reflect on that experience. What led up to this intermission? What steps did you take to move past the intermission and into the second act?
- 2 Reflecting on the question above, why is perspective such an important ingredient in moving forward to the second act?
- 3 Do you have a “memory of success” that might prompt and encourage you to a greater level of success in the future?



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Dan Miller,

Author of *48 Days to the Work You Love*



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- 4 Have you experienced the “encouragement of success” and not come out of the valley? What holds you back from moving forward? What obstacles are stopping you from succeeding?

CHAPTER 4

- 1 In order to start a second act, what would be your new direction? How can you begin that new course today?
- 2 How has your definition of success changed after reading this book? How does this new definition contribute to your success?
- 3 Is having success the same thing as having a successful life?
- 4 What did Churchill mean by the term “principle of the path”?
- 5 In the past, have you made decisions to have a life of success or a successful life? Which one is more important and why?

CHAPTER 5

- 1 Can you remember a time when you lived without hope? How did this affect your life? How did you restore your hope?
- 2 What does the word *hope* mean to you? Is hope more important to you after reading this book? Why or why not?
- 3 What did Joan say was the proof of hope? Do you agree?

CHAPTER 6

- 1 Prior to reading *The Final Summit*, what was your definition of wisdom? How has that definition changed?
- 2 How does wisdom differ from knowledge? Has there been a time in your life when you have mistaken wisdom for knowledge?
- 3 How have you gained wisdom? Has it been through imitation, as the Travelers suggested? Do you agree with David that imitation is “the easiest way to gain wisdom”?
- 4 How can you apply wisdom in your life? How will this help lead you to a life of success?

CHAPTER 7

- 1 How did Eric Erickson define courage? Do you think this definition can make it easier to be courageous?

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- 2 Do you believe you have the “power” to achieve whatever you wish? How can a lack of courage get in your way?
- 3 Which has had more impact on your life, courage or cowardice? Explain your answer.
- 4 Do you agree with Joan that physical courage is more common than moral courage? Why is this (or is it not) so? How do you define moral courage?

CHAPTER 8

- 1 What do you think Gabriel meant when he said humans are egotistical? Explain your answer.
- 2 According to Gabriel, why is the current civilization in peril? Do you agree that these reasons can destroy a civilization?
- 3 Do you ever rely on the idea of chance? Is relying on this idea a good thing or a bad thing? Why or why not?
- 4 What did Gabriel say chance has done to mankind?

CHAPTER 9

- 1 What did Churchill mean by the “black dog”? What does your “black dog” look like? Do you agree that it is always nearby?
- 2 According to Churchill, how can you get good answers? What did King David offer as the answer?
- 3 Why did King David practice self-discipline? How does self-discipline help remind you of what you really want in life?
- 4 What question did King David say “fuels a person” into self-discipline? Do you agree that self-discipline helps yield great reward? Why or why not?
- 5 What is the best evidence for the power of self-discipline according to King David? Are there things that you don't do because you lack self-discipline?
- 6 How would you answer the question, “What do you really want?”
- 7 Are self-sacrifice and self-discipline related? If so, how?

CHAPTER 10

- 1 What did George Washington Carver say would determine greatness?



“So I am saying this. We are through with the ‘adversity’ part of this experience. Right now — tonight — I call an end to it. It is time to run again. We are not lacking money. We are not lacking time. We are not lacking energy or leadership. We are only lacking an idea.”

— Andy Andrews



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- 2 Do you agree with Joan when she said, "Character is a thing we alone are responsible to form"? How do we form character? How would you describe your character?
- 3 What were Lincoln's definitions of reputation and character? How is character determined, and how is it built?
- 4 King David said, "Nothing shows a person's character more than his habits." What are your habits, and what kind of character do they portray?

CHAPTER 11

- 1 Why is the hourglass important? In what ways does behaving wisely versus foolishly have an effect on the "hourglass"? What was Gabriel's main point?
- 2 Do adversity and the feeling of hopelessness put "wind in your sails"? If not, what must you do to think this way?
- 3 Do you believe that you matter just as much as the next person in making more "time" for humanity? Why or why not?

CHAPTER 12

- 1 What caused the sand in the hourglass to stop?
- 2 Is it easier for you to be idle and waste your unused time when adversity strikes? Why?
- 3 Have you ever forgotten your value as a human being? What values do you believe human beings possess? Do you believe all humans have an equal value in this world?
- 4 Have you ever fenced in your own life? What could you do to show your value to others? What could you be doing "right now"?
- 5 Could you sign your name on the "personal declaration"?
- 6 What was the final answer?

David Ponder is back.

*And this time, the fate
of mankind may be
in his hands.*



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that can reset the compass
and right the ship—and it
is only two words."*

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