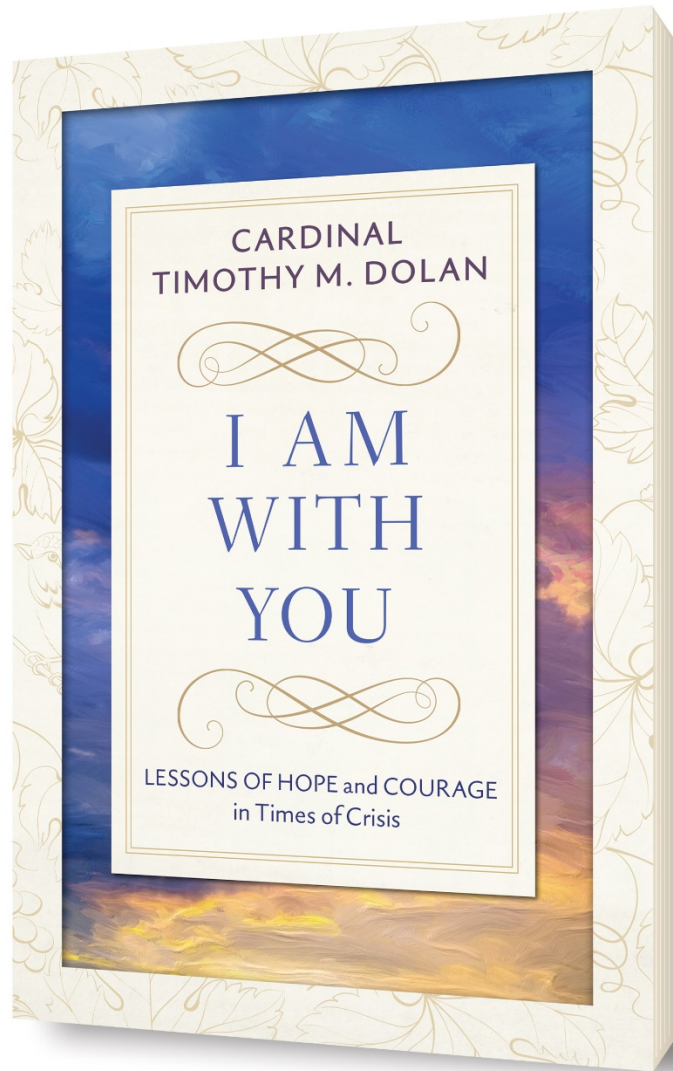


A Six-Week Discussion Guide



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Week 1: Preface–Chapter 3

1. What fears and trepidations tend to “lock doors” in your life?
2. Describe a time when Jesus showed up when you least expected him.
3. What does it mean to say that Jesus thirsts for our faith? What thirsts do you have?
4. How do you unite yourself to others through the Mass when we are not physically present?
5. To whom have you passed on the faith? To whom do you feel called to pass on the faith?

Week 2: Chapters 4–7

1. Name a time you found yourself questioning the reason for evil and sorrow in the world.
2. How are Jesus' words, "Neither he nor his parents sinned," consoling? How can Jesus' light and healing come through a tragedy?
3. How is imagination tied in with our longings? What do you long for most in this world?
4. How did you turn to God during the pandemic? Who did you turn to for strength during the pandemic?
5. What are you currently bound to, and from what do you need to be liberated?

Week 3: Chapters 8–11

1. How was the pandemic a “Good Friday moment”?
2. Describe a time when you questioned if God knew what God was doing. Describe a time when you were confident in God’s providence in the midst of turmoil.
3. What does it mean to have our attention riveted on Jesus? When is your attention most riveted on Jesus?
4. When have you whispered the words, “Not my will but yours be done,” in the face of difficulty?
5. Describe a time that you “took Jesus with you” to a new place, a new experience, or a new beginning.

Week 4: Chapters 12–15

1. Why is it significant that the Easter experience begins with an empty tomb? What does the image of the empty tomb mean to you? When was a time you experienced emptiness before fullness?
2. What wounds do you continue to carry with you from past experiences?
3. When was a time you were overawed by God's power and amazed at the Lord's ability to bring new life in the midst of death or good in the face of evil?
4. In what circumstances do you most need to pray the words, "Jesus, I trust in you!"?
5. How is the Church always open?

Week 5: Chapters 16–19

1. When were you so wrapped up in your own worries and anxieties that you had difficulty recognizing the presence of Jesus?
2. Name a time that you found yourself heading the wrong way, only to have Jesus help you change course.
3. When have you found yourself in a position to present and defend your Catholic faith? Who is someone who presented the truths of the Catholic faith to you in a credible and compelling way?
4. On a scale of 1–10, how ready are you to give an explanation to anyone who asks a reason for your hope? How can you proclaim hope to others? Who has proclaimed hope to you?
5. Who is someone you know who is strong in Christ? How does that person express this strength?

Week 6: Chapters 20–Afterward

1. When have you been tempted to despair? How was the Lord your refuge?
2. In times of crisis, with whose wellbeing are you most concerned?
3. What experience in your life most caused you to recognize that you were not in charge?
4. What thought, insight, or words of wisdom from this book encouraged or challenged you most?
5. As you look back over the pandemic experience, where did you find God?