

Questions for discussion

Chapter 1: Relationships

1. How would you describe relationships?

We all have different kinds of relationships. One fellow likes his beer. One girl loves her girl's night out. Probably both of them work with people. No matter what, we will have relationships with something or someone.

"In 53 years, I don't think I've met two people alike. As a matter of fact, I doubt I can't think of two that were so similar that I can attach them together. That goes for the twins I know as well. People are different. That should make relationships different too." Chapter 1, p, 3

2. Why are relationships so complicated?

Certainly, we have to navigate the relationship waters. A marriage is complicated. Friendships can be strained. Generation gaps and gender divide will foster misunderstandings. Human relations should be easy after all this time.

"For some reason we don't do that well in relationships. And, it seems so strange too. After thousands of years, you would think we would have that one down. It's not like humans have had periods in history where we avoided people. The human race has always struggled with relationships." Chapter 1, p, 5

Chapter 2: Hot mess

1. Do you believe we all have a little hot mess in us?

I know I am a living hot mess. Are you? Some people think they are stupid. Another believes they are reckless. Everyone of us has just a little adventure percolating inside. What gets you excited? What is daring and naughty to you? Maybe, it's your hot mess side just wanting to get out.

"Here is my thing. I think many people who are in management are missing life. They are too politically correct. They love playing it too close to the line. What line? The line between boring and a hot mess." Chapter 2, p, 4

2. Isn't a hot mess just a life of fun?

Possibly, a hot mess is just misunderstood. These people leap before they think. Is it reckless, dangerous, and crazy? Yes! They think so too. It is taxing on some. A hot mess needs understanding to know why they are as they are. Isn't that life?

"Maybe the hot mess does not have a plan, but they do have vision. Maybe these types of people are needed because a little recklessness is good for the soul. Possibly, I believe, we were made for a little reckless abandon in our lives." Chapter 2, p, 9

Chapter 3: The reckless life

1. Does a reckless life make life better?

That seems like a dumb question. A reckless life is bad. I disagree. Most reckless lives are lives lived. They will try anything. Usually, the safe people call it reckless. Was it reckless to go to the moon?

“Instead, people have ventured out into the next field, mountain, and continent. These adventurous, reckless, out of the box thinkers pursued what they did not know, see, or understand. Were fortunate early human-kind did not prefer the couch. Their reckless ideas have made life better.” Chapter 3, p, 2

2. Is the reckless life middle ground?

We judge peoples lives against ours. Are they reckless or a hot mess? Does that mean we are not? Our view is only our view. Yet, we needed reckless people to invent cars and Kentucky friend chicken. They did and we benefit. Were they in reckless pursuit of their dreams?

“I think Paul is driving at the heart of good and evil. The grind to find middle ground is frustrating. It’s no good to hide and try to remain good. It’s crazy to pursue evil. Yet, in the middle, is understanding. That understanding comes from experiencing a reckless life.” Chapter 3, p, 6