



## *AT LOVE'S COMMAND* DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Which character do you relate to the most? Which character do you relate to the least?
2. We see how the guilt of Wounded Knee haunts Matthew and how Josephine carries the guilt of losing her patients. Are there other ways that their professions make them similar and draw them together? Are there ways it makes them different?
3. Josephine worked hard to succeed in a profession that she loved, despite the prejudices of the day. What other people or stories have inspired you to believe in your calling and not become discouraged along the way?
4. What do you think about Josephine's father's refusal to pay the ransom for his son? Is it too harsh, or does he maybe know his son well enough to realize that he might be in on the scheme? Is he showing favoritism, and could that be partly what made his son the way he is, or is there another explanation?
5. Matthew puts his faith in God to protect him and his men in their fight for justice, but his faith doesn't extend to God protecting a future family. He is too afraid of losing the ones he loves. What do you think of this contradictory faith? Is it sometimes easier to have faith when it is our own safety that is on the line versus the safety of those we love? How do we see his faith grow by the end of the story?
6. In chapter 24, Matthew thinks, "Yes, God was capable of protecting Josie, but there was no guarantee that he actually would." What do you think of this statement? How do you see this tension played out in the story?
7. Matthew and his horsemen thought being mercenaries only for good causes was a redeeming use of their skills. Do you agree?