



Mandy Harvey

Guest

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a dream you have for your life? Is it complete, in progress or out on the horizon?
2. What setbacks, obstacles or adversity has kept you from accomplishing what you dream?
3. Read James 1:1-4. How do you normally feel and respond when you have to face a trial? Why do you think James encourages us to "consider it pure joy?"
4. God uses trials in life to produce perseverance and maturity in us. Why do you think that nothing seems to be as effective as trials at this?
5. Mandy Harvey, finalist on *America's Got Talent*, lost her hearing while studying to be a music teacher at Colorado State University. But she refused to let her dreams die. In her book, *Sensing the Rhythm* she notes:

"This road, while excruciatingly hard at times, has opened my eyes to truths and realities that a lifetime of study and lectures would never have taught me. The result is that even minus my hearing, I am a more complete person than I have ever been. Even if I would have lost my ability to pursue music, losing my hearing would have been a net gain."

How do you react to Mandy's statement? How does her hope impact something you are enduring in your life?

6. Read I Timothy 1:7. When, in your experience, has power/courage, love and/or self-discipline helped you overcome adversity to accomplish something good?
7. What next step do you sense God prompting you to take after hearing Mandy Harvey's story?