

Discussion Questions for *Veil of Fire* by Marlo Schalesky

1. In chapter three, Arla wonders why some live and some die when disaster strikes. What answer might you give her? What help does this verse: “Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows” (Luke 12:7 NIV) give us in our attempt to understand?
2. In chapter five, Nils says, “Folks need something to hope for, especially the children.” Reflect on the power of hope in your own life. How has hope given you the strength to persevere in difficult times?
3. In chapter eight, Josef asks, “What is faith in the face of tragedy?” After reading this book, what answer might you give him?
4. In chapter fifteen, Nils asks Arla if she thinks she deserves God’s favor because of her prayers, church attendance, and Bible reading. Do you feel that you deserve God’s blessings more when you’re “being religious”? Why or why not?
5. In chapter fifteen, what do you think Nils means when he says that God is a gingerbread maker? How does that image shed light on the question of God’s goodness in the face of fire?