

**"With" by Skye Jethani
Chapter Four: Life From God**

1. How do you think commercialism and/or consumerism shaped your faith?
2. How does our society capitalize on humanity's lack of self-control?
3. In what ways does our society breed "insatiability"?
4. How is God seen as a "means to an end" at times? (Are you ever guilty of doing this?)
5. What can often distract you from the fears and pains of life? What kinds of distractions do you tend to turn to?
6. In what ways is contemporary religion designed to make us more comfortable in our "journey of life" and keep us safe and healthy?
7. Discuss Dr. Brand's assessment of pain found on page 71. (I recommend his book called The Gift Nobody Wants by Dr. Brand and Philip Yancey. It's excellent!)
8. Examine your own prayer life, how you live, and what you pursue. Is your primary concern your own happiness or on glorifying God, learning obedience, and serving others? Take time to really ponder this question and allow the Spirit to search deep into your heart. Ask Him to show you any areas you need to make a change.
9. So.... What are your thoughts on this chapter?