

## Discussion Questions

What are the voices influencing *your* choices? Or should I say *who* are those voices?

Those voices have names. You've met them in this book. But are they *fiction*?  
You've heard from them just as my characters have, don't deny it.

That thought that flashed in your mind so vile you will never share it with another human being, even a priest in confession. Where did it come from? *Can you smell the sulfur?* Don't worry, you don't have to share that one.

"Oh, that's silly," you say. "You're just using the voices as a plot device." Am I?

Of course, you've never entertained Self-Pity's whining, have you, like dear Danny boy who was robbed of his dream by fate, or good looks like Phila? *Ah, the sorrowful strings of a violin.*

Or desired Recognition so much you could taste it like Hugh? *Is your mouth watering?*

Ridicule's sneers have never undermined your self-confidence like poor Ollie, right? *There go your dreams smashed against the rocks again?*

And who can fend off Sarcasm when she feels so right? *Hear the hiss of the snake?*

Does Guilt hound you like it does Ollie? *Do you feel the weight bearing down on your shoulders?*

Have you been beguiled by Ambition and Rebellion like Lily? Or puffed up by Pride? *Oh, those seventh heaven feelings.*

Does Spite and Envy tickle your brain and Desire drive you forward like Phila? *Is there a faint cackling in the background?*

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These are just a few questions to get you thinking and recognizing the voices shouting at you from the father of lies.

Don't allow them to drown out the whispers from your Heavenly Father and the souls who love you.

The more you know about these conflicting inner voices inside your heads the better you will be able to discern where they're coming from and repel the malicious ones and welcome the heavenly ones.

**For more on the subject go to [NanRinella.org](#)** Learn more about the voices from people who know how to defeat or welcome them. You'll have an opportunity to share your struggles and solutions. Let's start the discussion.

**It's our choice,** who will we listen to?