

Discussion Questions for *The Letters*

1. This is a case study in humility—humility before God and humility before people. Identify examples of each by Teresa and comment on them.
2. Based on what we see in this story, what is the connection between great humility and great leadership? In other words, what are the kinds of outcomes that flow from a posture of humility in a leader?
3. If there is a connection that produces positive results, why is humility a relatively uncommon trait among leaders, even Christian leaders (e.g., business managers, politicians, pastors and other church leaders, school leaders, teachers, parents, etc.)? What's in the way?
4. Many times throughout the film it's noted that Teresa experienced a spiritual suffering, the feeling of being abandoned by God and loneliness in her relationship with God. What do you make of this and of her perseverance despite that suffering?
5. What lessons would you like to remember from this story?