

# *Not My Ways*

## *Book Club Discussion Guide*

1. In this story of Jeff and Kumi Etheridge, Jeff left active duty in order to go seminary in Memphis. Then years later, he reenlists. Have you ever thought you were done with something only for God to lead you back to it later on? Is there any part of your life that you miss and wish God would bring you to it again?
2. Kumi struggled throughout the story with unbelief. Think back to a time when this plagued you. How did you overcome it?
3. Many within military families struggle with chronic health problems yet moving around regularly and the isolation of some bases can make continuous care difficult. The Department of Defense has some strategies in place to help protect families, but Should these families be allowed to remain within the military structure? If so, what do you think could work for all—the needs of the military, the concerns of active duty members, and the health problems of family members?
4. As Jeff goes back into the military, he worries about not being available to help with Mika, missing out on family milestones, and how much the Navy will take him away. Think back to a time when obeying God was particularly difficult. What helped you take those steps of obedience? What do you wish you'd done differently?
5. Which was your favorite scene? Why that one?
6. Did any part of the book make you think about something in a new way? How have your thoughts changed?