

# THE LOST VALENTINE - HALLMARK HALL OF FAME MOVIE

## Discussion Guide

1. Almost everyone enjoys a heart-felt love story. Why do you think that is the case?
  - a. One incredible love story in the Bible is found in the 4-chapter book of Ruth.
  - b. God's ultimate love story is found in John 3:16.
2. Caroline's husband goes to war in 1944 on Valentine's Day. She comes to the train station every Valentine's Day for 65 years in anticipation of his return.
  - a. Do you think she really believes he will come back? Give your reasons why or why not.
3. When the reporter, Susan, first hears of Caroline's story, she's not very interested. What changes?
4. Caroline goes to a nursing home to read to veterans every Saturday.
  - a. Why did she say she did this?
  - b. Do you reach out to seniors in any way? Explain what you do and why you do it.
  - c. **John 15:12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."**
5. There are many great old love songs in this movie.
  - a. Which one is your favorite song in the movie and why?
6. Neal and Caroline fell in love and married within weeks.
  - a. What is your love story?
  - b. What is the love story of your grandparents?
7. Caroline and Neal only had one wonderful year together.
  - a. If you could only have one year with your true love, would you choose something similar?
8. Neal said, "One thing we've learned from war, don't put things off."
  - a. Do you believe that is sound advice?
  - b. **James 4:14 "Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away."**
9. The arrival of the telegram delivery man on his bicycle was significant to the families. Why?
  - a. Have you or someone you know ever had this experience?
10. When Caroline gets a telegram that Neal is "Missing in action", she says, "That day the real waiting began!"
  - a. What do you think she meant by that statement?
  - b. **Isaiah 40:31 "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."**

11. Susan is very worried about Caroline when she has a mild heart attack. She feels guilty that, perhaps, she is responsible. But Lucas (Caroline's grandson) says she is the happiest he's ever seen her. Why do you think she is so happy?
  - a. Do you have any memories that are bittersweet? Would you share?
  
12. Even when her boss cancels the interview project, Susan continues to pursue the truth. Why do you think the truth is so important to Susan?
  - a. **Zechariah 7:9** "Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother."
  
13. When Susan visits Jeff Billings' family to learn about what happened on Neal's last mission, she is given a letter to share with Caroline. The son says, "Momma kept the letter in the Bible to remind her that it's in God's hands."
  - a. Does that statement bring you comfort? Why or why not.
  - b. **Psalms 9:10** "And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You."
  
14. As Susan and Lucas continue to like each other more, Andrew comes home from his photography assignment and Susan tells Andrew she will not marry him, saying, "We are not there for each other."
  - a. Do you think it was the right thing to do?
  
15. Lucas is discouraged in his pursuit of Susan because he sees her hugging Andrew.
  - a. Do you think he should have let this misunderstanding keep him from Susan? Why or why not?
  
16. With Andrews' connections in the Philippine's, Susan locates the man who last saw Neal. Through the video chat, Caroline finally learns what happened to her husband.
  - a. Why do you think it's important for people to know what happened to a loved one?
    - i. **John 8:32** "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."
  - b. What did those events tell us about Neal's character?
  - c. **John 15:13** "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."
  - d. The title of the movie is The Lost Valentine. How important was that Valentine to Neal?
  
17. In the scene of his death, Neal says the Lord's Prayer just before he dies. What does that tell us about Neal? Do you know the Lord's Prayer? **Matthew 6:9-13**
  
18. How did you react to the scene in Union Station when Neal's body was returned to American soil with great pomp and circumstance?
  
19. What do you think is the significance of the rose bush blooming after Lucas thought is was dead?
  - a. Why did the rose bush blooming make Caroline smile?
  - b. **John 10:10b** "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."
  
20. What impact did the sprinkler scene at the end have on you? What do you think it was meant to say?