

Synopsis for *Four in the Garden*

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After Cherished is created, he discovers he has been brought into a world that contains pain. With the help of three Teachers, Cherished struggles to understand and trust Creator in the midst of disappointment and hardship. Cherished endures numerous challenges, all in preparation for the biggest crisis of all. In its underlying theme, this story presents life as a means for transformation provided we learn to entrust our experiences to God.

Cherished resists the world, the Teachers, and Creator as he strives to assert his individuality and independence. Creator reveals Himself to Cherished in surprising ways, and their relationship deepens over time. In spite of Cherished's many failures, he learns that Creator's love is greater than all his mistakes and is the only constant in his life.

Creator has placed within Cherished an umbilicore, an inner connection to Creator. Through this sacred connection, Cherished comes to experience Creator's nature and being. He learns what shuts down the connection and how authenticity and humility enable him to experience intimacy with Creator. He discovers that Creator wants honesty and connection more than obedience.

Cherished encounters angels and helpers on his journey, some of whom are a threat. He learns about friendship, mistrust, betrayal, and forgiveness. Through all his challenges, he tries to maintain his trust in Creator, even when he feels abandoned. When he fails to trust, he discovers that Creator's love and patience are unceasing.

This story explores the tension between human frailty and God's ultimate purpose—the transformation of one's soul. This purpose underlies the entire course of Cherished's life, even though disappointments and failures seem to sabotage it. Both trust and love are presented as transformative forces that can enable one's soul to grow. Cherished learns that everything in life is test of his trust and an opportunity for Creator to show His love. Even situations meant for evil can be used by Creator to transform us if we trust Him.

5 Points of Interest about the Book's Content or Story:

1. *Four in the Garden* is a retelling of the Garden of Eden story except that God creates only one person instead of two.
2. *Four in the Garden* presents God as being accessible, even intimate.
3. Instead of a Tree of Life, *Four in the Garden* presents a Tree of Death.
4. *Four in the Garden* presents a unique concept, a spiritual connection, called an umbilicore, that ties our soul to God and is a channel for God's life to flow into us.
5. The protagonist's gender in *Four in the Garden* is unspecified. This is so the reader, whether male or female, can relate.

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