



WEEKLY QUESTIONS - TOGETHER TEA

Week 1: Ch. 1 – Ch. 10

The questions below are intended to make you think about the material you are reading and how it applies to your own life, as well as where you can make changes. You can answer these questions on your blog, in a journal, or in our [Facebook group](#) – or all of the above! If you are behind, don't worry. All the information will be there for you to come back to at your own pace. No stress. No judgment. No guilt!

QUESTIONS:

1. The author paints Darya and Mina as contrasts, or foils, to one another. Draw table with Mina on one side and Darya on the other. List some of the main qualities or characteristics of each. Are there any ways in which they are alike?
2. How had Mina rebelled in her life? How has she capitulated to her mother's demands or expectations?
3. “When you were 15, did you think the way you do now? Well, when you're 30, you'll look back on today and laugh at your thoughts.” (Darya) Does Darya have a point?
4. Why does Mina finally decide to meet Mr. Dashti?

5. Why does Darya want so desperately for her daughter to be married, and to someone she selects?

6. What does Darya mean when she says, “You want to know who you are? I'll tell you who you are. You're my daughter.”

7. Mina seems to feel a lot of guilt towards her parents, especially her mother. What does this guilt stem from?

8. What regrets does Darya have about her life? How does this impact her relationship with her daughter?

9. Darya says she “felt free” in Tehran. Why?

10. Both Darya and Mina are homesick for Tehran. What are they each longing for?

11. Can you relate to their relationship in any way?

12. What are your biggest takeaways or “Aha!” realizations from this section?

***“...Then you realize she knew you better than you knew yourself.
That's why she's your mother.”***