



WEEKLY QUESTIONS - TOGETHER TEA

Week 3: Ch. 21 – Ch. 30

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. What similarities do you see between the way Bitra interacts with her mother, and the relationship between Darya and Mina?
2. What do you think would have happened if Darya had introduced Mina to Ramin?
3. Ramin and Mina bond over their joint embarrassment of their culture's traditions. Did Darya have the same view of these traditions when she was Mina's age?
4. Darya seems to have a shift in her view of her life, and her husband in particular. Talk about what may have caused this shift.
5. Darya says several times, "What is done cannot be undone." What do you think she's talking about?

6. So many people – women in particular – have experienced so much loss through the revolution in Iran. What have Mina and Darya each lost?

7. Darya finally seems to realize, “...There was no way she could control her daughter's future.” What brought her to this realization?

8. Both women experience changes (internally and externally) when they return from Iran. How has each of them changed? How has this impacted their relationship?

9. After all her machinations, Darya has second thoughts when she sees Mina about to get married. “Just continue to be my little girl, always.” If you are a mother, have you shared this thought? As a daughter, have you sensed this in your mother?

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

“...Then she stepped aside.”