



TALK ABOUT IT

1. When was the last time when you asked yourself, "What was I thinking?" Has anyone else asked you that question?

READ ABOUT IT:

Philippians 4:8; Genesis 17:17; Ephesians 2:10; Matthew 25:23-30.

THINK ABOUT IT

2. **Read Genesis 17:17.** Why did Abraham have trouble believing what God had promised him? Did he believe it when he was younger? What happens to our faith as we get older and our expectations remain unfulfilled?
3. **Read Ephesians 2:10.** Do you think this verse applies to every believer? How does it affect the way you live every day?
4. **Read Matthew 25:23, 26.** (Read the whole story in Matthew 25:23-30). What does the master in the story have invested in his servants? How much did he trust them? What did he expect of them? Does the master's judgment seem fair to you? Which servant do you most relate to? Why?

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

5. What would help you to better use what "talents" God has given you: To recognize them? To be more responsible? To believe in yourself as someone God trusts with His gifts? To get more encouragement from others? To trust in God more?

1 Corinthians 2:11 NIV11

¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

Luke 2:46-48 NIV11

⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁶Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

Philippians 4:8 NIV11

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Romans 12:2 NIV11

²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Colossians 3:1-2 NIV11

¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV11

⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.