

wvc “Thinking Outside the Box” Wed Feb 16 2022

I. **Isaiah 55:6-13**

A. Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

1. Vs. 8 has been spoken out of context in a religious mindset...forever!
 - *My thoughts are not your thoughts (unrighteous man), and my ways are not your ways (wicked).*
 - When we read the Word of God, read the text before and the text after to determine the proper application.
2. *Let him return to the Lord*
 - This is the phrase that we need to focus on tonight.
 - What does it mean when a person returns? The act of coming or going back to a place. (In this message, we are discussing the importance of thinking outside the box/returning to God’s original plan for you and learning to “think like God thinks.”)

B. The Process

1. *Your Thinking Controls Your Believing*
2. *Your Believing Controls Your Actions*
3. *Your Actions Produce Your Fruit (both good and bad)*

- Thinking outside the box: think outside the way the world thinks.

- Think God Thoughts!

II. The renewed mind

A. **Romans 12:2-3**

1. *Conformed – Fashioned alike to the same pattern*
2. *Transformed – Changed*
3. Renewing of your mind (Thinking like God thinks/Thinking outside the box)
4. Notice vs. 3: This is the key to staying in proper position with God (refuse to think more highly of yourself than you ought to think; you are supposed to think highly of yourself, but not with pride and self-adoration; stay humble and God will lift you up).

B. **II Kings 5:9-11**

1. *“Behold, I THOUGHT...”*
2. When we think within ourselves, with our own intellect based upon natural knowledge, past experiences, other people’s experiences, etc., we can miss the promise of God!
3. The Reality....God makes perfect sense!
 - He will never tell you to do something that would cause you harm.
 - God only challenges your thinking so you can believe Him for a miracle!