

● **WARM UP**

Once, a man was walking along a beach. The sun was shining and it was a beautiful day. Off in the distance he could see a person going back and forth between the surf's edge and the beach. As the man approached, he could see that there were hundreds of starfish stranded on the sand as a result of the natural action of the tide. Back and forth this person went, picking up starfish one by one and throwing them into the surf.

The man was struck by the apparent futility of the task. There were far too many starfish. Many of them were sure to perish.

As he came up to the person, he said: "You must be crazy. There are thousands of miles of beach covered with starfish. You can't possibly make a difference." The person looked at the man. He then stooped down and picked up one more starfish and threw it back into the ocean. He turned back to the man and said, "It sure made a difference to that one!"



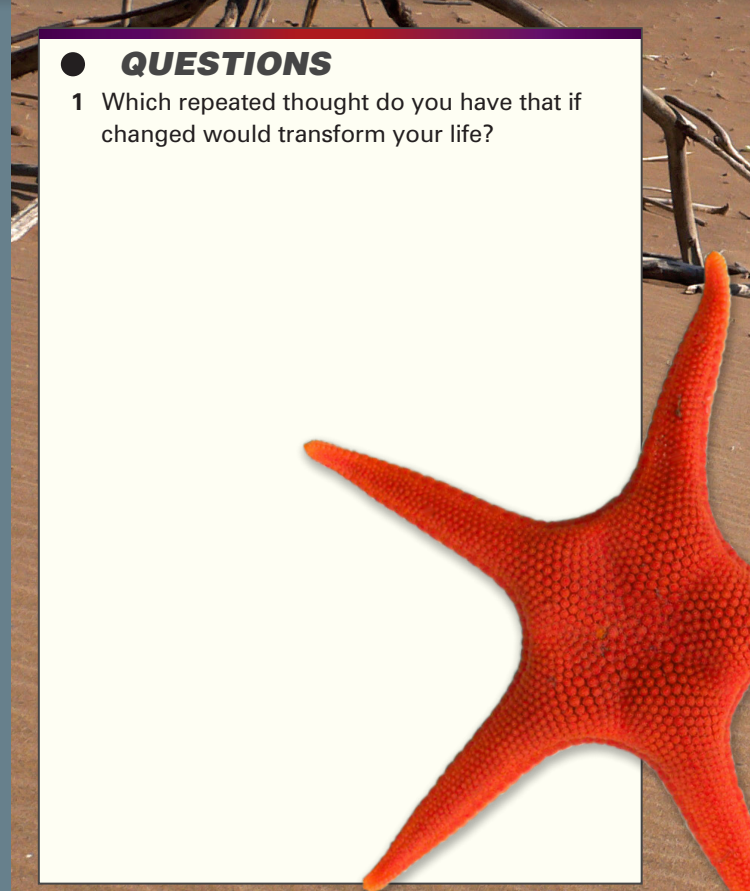
● **READ** 2 Peter 3:9

● **BACKGROUND**

The Apostle Peter had had personal experience of the patience of Jesus. Peter was impetuous and sometimes a slow learner. However Peter learned that God was able to look past the frailty of his humanity, and see what he could become, as long as he never gave up.

The word repentance literally means to have our thinking changed. Our present reality is shaped by our previous thinking. If we change our thinking we can have a different reality.

Many times we cannot grasp the amazing power of the promises of God because we look too much at the power of our frailties rather than what happens when we simply take one step at a time. No matter how long the journey, it always starts with a single step, and then another one.



● **QUESTIONS**

- 1 Which repeated thought do you have that if changed would transform your life?

- 2 In what way do you demonstrate the value you place on the promises of God to someone who does not yet follow Jesus?

- 3 How can you make a difference to a specific someone in your life?

What is God saying to me?

● **LET'S PRAY**

● **REAL LIFE STORIES OF GOD'S POWER**

Some years back now I attended a meeting with Bill in Te Kuiti. I was wonderfully delivered when the power of the Lord was present to heal, through the word of knowledge he called me out on (actually using my name) for chronic fatigue syndrome. I just give thanks and praise to God for the wonderful deliverance I had at that time. Hadden



● **CONSIDER THIS**
May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.
Psalm 19:14

