

# Ponder



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*“Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.”*

*(Luke 2:19)* One thing we know about Mary, the mother of Jesus, is that she pondered. She wasn't a knee-jerk responder. Instead she treasured the amazing events of Jesus' birth and early life in her heart. The hectic pace of family life today encourages quick action. That can be a good thing. But sometimes events happen in our lives that are mysterious and require the slow and careful consideration that pondering provides.

It may help to turn an old saying on its head: “Don't just *do* something, *sit* there!” Pondering, considering things deeply, recognizes that God's designs are unfolding in our lives in ways we may not immediately understand. God is at work in your life as a family. Ponder away! —Tom McGrath

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