

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

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### **More Elvis musings!**

One of the themes that come out in the film Elvis, is him feeling lost. At least twice in his career he experiences this, the second time, after his film making slumps. It's 1968 and the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, set against the backdrop of racial injustice, poverty and the Vietnam war, seem to provoke in Elvis a deep discontent that all he is doing with his life are Christmas specials! He is advised by some new people to 'go back home', that is back to his musical roots, in order to find him self. This leads to his much heralded 1968 come back, and also his protest song If I can dream, written by Earl Brown as a tribute to Martin Luther King and his I have a dream speech.

Coming back home, reminds me the story of the prodigal son, who wondered away and was lost. When he came to his senses, he only had to come back a short way before he met his Father who welcomed him back home. Following Jesus, is not an easy journey, and all of us feel lost at some point along the way. There are too many distractions, temptations and often choices out there. Sometimes we may wander far and sometimes not so much, but the feeling of lost, or disturbed in spirit is a common feeling. Its not always due to sin. But if we feel lost, and if we come to our 'senses', its good to know that Jesus told this parable to show how readily God welcomes us back home.

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** [The prodigal son](#)

**MARTIN LUTHER KING'S SPEECH:** [I HAVE A DREAM](#)

**ELVIS SINGING:** [If I can dream](#)