

# V O I C E S

## PART 1: I CAN'T

### INTRODUCTION

We've all had voices in our lives that have influenced us—parents, teachers, friends. Those people are important because sometimes it's hard for us to see our potential. Sometimes we look at the possibilities in front of us and think, "I can't. There's no way." We need those voices in our lives to help us recognize and achieve our full potential.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about someone who influenced you. How did that person help you to see potential in yourself that you didn't recognize before?
2. Is it difficult for you to believe you could "change the world" for the better? Why or why not?
3. If you could go back in time, is there anything you'd do differently to better use your gifts and talents?
4. What are you doing right now to invest in future generations? What can you do?
5. Read Philippians 4:12-13. Is it difficult for you to believe that Jesus gives you strength to accomplish what you couldn't on your own? Why or why not?
6. Do you have a dream you need to speak about as a first step toward making it a reality? If so, what is it? How can you use your gifts and talents to serve a greater purpose?

### MOVING FORWARD

Our gifts and talents—our potential—is important. But pursuing greatness isn't enough. We need our pursuit of greatness to serve a greater purpose. To make that kind of a difference in the world, connect your story to the larger story God is telling in human history. Let him use your gifts and talents to serve others.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

**Philippians 4:12-13**