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As we think back, may we hold close and dear the wonderful memories and let go of the hurts and injustices. May we decorate the walls of our minds with beautiful pictures, throw away unnecessary "trash," and neatly "file" what may need to be remembered at some point. Having a pure, peaceful, and well-ordered mind takes effort and work; and is only possible as we yield to the working of the Holy Spirit and allow Him to fill our minds with His wisdom and truth.

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