

SERMON NOTES

December 7 & 8, 2024

Spark Joy: Worship and Surrender
Matthew 2:1-11

How did the Magi worship through giving?

1. They gave of their _____.

Matthew 2:1-2

2. They gave of their _____.

Matthew 2:1b, 2:9

3. They gave of their _____.

Matthew 2:11b

Reflection space:

Life Steps

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Monday

Matthew 2:1-2

Reflect: The Magi's journey began from a place of hope and desire for something more. Think about your life today. Name one area where you hope God will take you to a better place.

Prayer: God, in this season, I surrender all I am to you. Lead me where you will. I will follow.

Tuesday

Romans 15:13

Reflect: Who or what we place our hope in will say much about where we find ourselves. What is one area you currently place hope in that maybe you should re-evaluate?

Prayer: God, in this season, I surrender all I am to you. Lead me where you will. I will follow.

Wednesday

Matthew 2:7-9

Reflect: Because the Magi placed their hope in what God was doing, it caused them to change their geography until they were at the feet of Jesus. When was the last time you found yourself changing your geography because of the hope you placed in God?

Prayer: God, in this season, I surrender all I am to you. Lead me where you will. I will follow.

Thursday

1 Peter 1:17-21

Reflect: Time, as fleeting as it is, is one of the best gifts God has given us. Reflect on these last few days of your life. How often would your calendar line up with where you say your hope lies?

Prayer: God, in this season, I surrender all I am to you. Lead me where you will. I will follow.

Friday

Matthew 2:10-12

Reflect: The Magi's long journey finally found its destination with Jesus. They were so overwhelmed by joy that all their value systems, money, and treasures were no longer valid. When was the first time you experienced this level of joy in your walk with Christ where nothing else mattered?

Prayer: God, in this season, I surrender all I am to you. Lead me where you will. I will follow.

Saturday

Proverbs 3:9-10

Reflect: One of the easiest ways to identify where we place our hope is to look at our finances. As you consider the worship act of offering, where are you in your spiritual journey in this area? What does your giving reveal about your hope?

Prayer: God, in this season, I surrender all I am to you. Lead me where you will. I will follow.

Sunday

Matthew 2:1-11

Reflect: Reflect this morning again on the journey of the Magi. Remember, every one of us is on our own journey. How can their story remind you of the hope you have in your present journey? How can your offering today in worship tell that story of hope?

Prayer: God, in this season, I surrender all I am to you. Lead me where you will. I will follow.