



SERMON: In Search of a Father SERIES: Christmas at the Movies Pastor Frank Santora

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Matthew 2:11-12

1. It's a search that Satan TRIES TO STOP

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

JOHN 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Tips to not quitting:

- 1.) Don't live **SUSPICIOUS**.
- 2.) Don't let **ANYONE** steal your joy.
- 3.) Don't **GIVE UP**.

2. It's a search that's **WORTH THE STRUGGLE**.

1 PETER 1:6-7 (NLT) These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. ⁸ You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.

ROMANS 8:28 *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

MATTHEW 2:11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh