



Go Tell - Joy Follows Faith

If listening to Christmas Carols were a punishment in a prison, which one would inflict the most pain?

- Santa Baby
- I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas
- Grandma Got Ran Over by a Reindeer
- Other (but you have to sing it to the group)

Memory Verse

1 Peter 1:8-9 NIV

8Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Read: Matthew 2:1-12, Numbers 24:17

What do you think it would have been like to be one of the wise men who saw the star rising in the East? How would you explain the need to take the journey to see the newborn King to your boss or spouse?

Scan the QR code to the right and read more about the 70 Weeks Prophecy. How does the accuracy of Daniel's prophecy bolster your faith?



70 Weeks Prophecy

What is the proper Christian attitude when it comes to this type of Biblical Prophecy, especially knowing that we are waiting for the last week of the 70 Weeks to come about?

One thing is certain: God has a time table, and He is keeping things on schedule. He knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10), and we should always be looking for the triumphant return of our Lord (Revelation 22:7).

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What do you think it felt like to have lost sight of the star for a brief period of time? What causes you to lose sight of things in your own walk?

Herod was a wicked king who was raised by a wicked man. Do you think they knew that history would perceive them as being wicked? Why is it so easy to have blind spots to our character?

Herod took the path of fear, and it caused him to do terrible things. The Magi too the path of faith, and the immediate result was that they were overjoyed and led into the presence of Jesus. What fears do you face that steal your joy?

“a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ.”

- Blaise Pascal

How does fear play a role in our struggle to try and make the wrong things fill the God shaped void in our hearts?

Read: Psalm 13:5, Psalm 33:21, Romans 15:13, 1 Peter 1:8

When we read these passages it is pretty clear that joy follows faith. What steps of faith have you taken that have brought you joy?

Is there anything that God is calling you to that you haven't had the faith to pursue? How can we support each other as a group to take those steps of faith together?

Take time to close in prayer.