

# FOLLOWING GOD 03

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## WORK THE DREAM

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEONARDO DEVINCI AND THE WRIGHT BROTHERS WAS?

LEONARDO \_\_\_\_\_ AN AIRPLANE. THE WRIGHT BROTHERS \_\_\_\_\_  
AN AIRPLANE.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DREAMER AND A VISIONARY CAN BE SUMMED  
UP IN ONE WORD, “\_\_\_\_\_!”

A DREAM WITHOUT WORK IS JUST A \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 2:1–12 (NASB95)*

*1Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,*

*2“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”*

*3When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.*

*4Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.*

*5They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:*

*6‘AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.’”*

*7Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared.*

*8And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.”*

*9After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was.*

*10When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.*

*11After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they*

*presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

*12And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.*

## I. START \_\_\_\_\_

*“If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them.” –Henry David Thoreau.*

## FOLLOWING MEANS \_\_\_\_\_

*Jesus didn't say, “Follow me on Facebook and hit the like button.”*

*Matthew 16:24 (NET)*

*24Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.*

TO FOLLOW IS TO \_\_\_\_\_, AND \_\_\_\_\_ IS THE HALLMARK OF FAITH.

## MOVE MEANS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ IS A THIEF.

**THERE'S A SHELF LIFE ON STARS. YOU BETTER FOLLOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT.**

DON'T LET \_\_\_\_\_ STEAL ONE MORE SECOND OF YOUR LIFE.

## II. \_\_\_\_\_ MOVING

HOW LONG WERE THOSE WISE MEN ON THOSE CAMELS?

*Matthew 2:16 (NASB95)*

*16Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and*

*all its vicinity, from two years old and under, ACCORDING TO THE TIME WHICH HE HAD DETERMINED FROM THE MAGI.*

WHERE DID THESE GUYS COME FROM?

*Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem*

THEY WENT THE \_\_\_\_\_ AROUND.

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF LOST: \_\_\_\_\_ LOST AND  
\_\_\_\_\_ LOST.

**REAL LOST \_\_\_ REALLY LOST**

You can't go back. Even if you could that wouldn't fix it.

THE MINUTE YOU FIND JESUS YOU AREN'T LOST ANYMORE.

Without taking a single step you are exactly where you need to be.

**FEELS LOST IS \_\_\_\_\_ LOST**

HOW MANY DAYS DO YOU THINK THEY TRAVELED WHEN THE STAR WAS NOT VISIBLE?

*Matthew 2:10 (NASB95)*

*When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.*

SOMETIMES GOD ALLOWS US WALK IN THE \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTHING DRAWS US \_\_\_\_\_ TO JESUS THAN WALKING IN THE  
DARK.

**REAL LOST MEANS \_\_\_\_\_ TO JESUS.**

**FEELS LOST MEANS \_\_\_\_\_ TO JESUS.**

SLOW DOWN.

HOLD THE COURSE

LISTEN CAREFULLY.

*Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)*

*5Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.*

6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

### III. KEEP \_\_\_\_\_

GET READY FOR \_\_\_\_\_ THAN YOU THOUGHT

THEY STARTED OUT LOOKING FOR A \_\_\_\_\_. THEY ENDED UP  
WORSHIPPING A \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 2:11 (NLT)*

*11 They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

WHEN YOU FOLLOW JESUS THE REWARDS ARE BEYOND YOUR  
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