

# Following the Right Star

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*

—Matthew 2:1-2 (ESV)

## The Light of Christmas Reveals:

### 1. The Wise Men's DIRECTION

***"Direction not intention determines our destination."***

— Pastor Andy Stanley

### 2. The Wise Men's TREASURE

***"Our sacrifice reveals our treasure."***

*I do not cease to give thanks for , remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,*

—Ephesians 1:16-17 (ESV)

*But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. & Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ*

—Philippians 3:7-8 (ESV)

> **“Jesus more pleasurable, more exciting, more satisfying, more meaningful, more purposeful, and more full than anything I have or hope to possess...”** — Author Heather Hollerman Ph.D.

### **3. The Wise Men’s WORSHIP**

*After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.*

—Matthew 2:9-10 (ESV)

*And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.*

—Matthew 2:11 (ESV)