

Advent Devotional - Day 22

December 22nd



Scripture: Matthew 2:12 Verse: *“And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.”*

Reflection:

The divine guidance the Magi received through a dream was crucial in protecting Jesus from Herod’s malicious intentions. Their obedience to this guidance, despite the potential risks and uncertainties, highlights their faith and trust in God’s direction. By choosing to follow the divine warning, the Magi played a vital role in safeguarding the newborn King.

In modern times, we too are often faced with decisions that require us to trust in God’s guidance. We may not receive dreams as clear as the Magi did, but God still speaks to us through various means—Scripture, prayer, the counsel of others, and the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The key is to remain attentive and obedient to His leading, even when it requires us to take a different path than we had planned.

Reflect on a time when you felt guided by God to make a decision or change direction. How did you respond? Were you able to trust and follow His guidance, even if it was challenging? The Magi’s story encourages us to be open to God’s direction and to act with faith and obedience, knowing that His plans are always for our good.

As you go through your day, seek to be attentive to God’s guidance in your life. Whether through prayer, reading the Bible, or listening to the wisdom of others, be open to the ways God is leading you. Trust that His guidance will always lead you to where you need to be, just as it did for the Magi.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the example of the Magi and their obedience to Your divine guidance. Help us to be attentive to Your leading in our lives and to trust in Your direction, even when it requires us to take a different path. Guide us with Your wisdom and help us to follow You faithfully. Amen.



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