Advent Devotional - Day 17

December 17th

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-2 Verse: "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."



Reflection:

The journey of the Magi is a remarkable story of faith, determination, and the search for truth. These wise men traveled from distant lands, guided by a star, in search of the newborn King. Their journey was not just a physical one but also a spiritual quest, driven by a deep desire to find and worship Jesus.

In modern times, we too are on various journeys, seeking meaning, purpose, and truth in our lives. The Magi's journey encourages us to pursue our spiritual quests with the same determination and faith. Despite the challenges and uncertainties they faced, the Magi remained steadfast in their search, trusting the guidance they received.

Reflect on your own journey and the ways you seek to find and connect with Jesus. Are there obstacles or distractions that hinder your path? How can you remain focused and determined in your spiritual quest? The Magi's story reminds us that the search for Jesus is a journey worth undertaking, one that requires faith, perseverance, and an open heart.

As you go through your day, consider the ways you can seek Jesus more intentionally. Whether through prayer, reading Scripture, or acts of service, let your journey be guided by a desire to know and worship Him more deeply. Just as the Magi found joy and fulfillment in their search, you too can experience the profound joy of encountering Jesus in your life.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the example of the Magi and their determined search for Jesus. Help us to pursue our spiritual journeys with the same faith and perseverance. Guide us in our quest to know and worship You more deeply, and let us find joy and fulfillment in Your presence. Amen.

