



**Carrollton Christian
Fellowship**

Day 1: The Journey to Worship

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Devotional: The journey of the Magi teaches us about seeking Jesus with persistence and humility. Like these wise men, we're called to follow God's guidance, even when it leads us out of our comfort zones. Their response to finding Jesus—falling down in worship and offering their treasures—shows us the proper attitude of a heart encountering the King of Kings. Today, reflect on your own journey of faith. Are you willing to follow God's leading, even when the path is uncertain? Consider what "treasures" in your life you need to lay before Jesus in worship.

Day 2: Obedience in the Face of Danger

Reading: Matthew 2:13-15

Devotional: Joseph's immediate obedience to God's warning demonstrates the importance of listening to and acting on God's voice. In a world full of noise and distractions, cultivating a sensitivity to God's guidance is crucial. Joseph's willingness to uproot his family and flee to Egypt shows that obedience to God often requires sacrifice and trust. Today, pray for a heart that's quick to obey God's promptings, even when they're challenging or don't make immediate sense. Ask God to help you discern His voice amidst the chaos of daily life.

Day 3: God's Protection in Suffering

Reading: Matthew 2:16-18

Devotional: The tragic events surrounding Herod's decree remind us that even in the midst of evil and suffering, God is at work. While we may not always understand why God allows certain events to unfold, we can trust in His sovereign plan. The prophecy fulfilled here points to God's

foreknowledge and control over history. In your own times of suffering or witnessing the pain of others, remember that God is present and active, even when it's not immediately apparent. Pray for those who are suffering today, asking God to reveal His love and presence in their lives.

Day 4: Following God's Guidance

Reading: Matthew 2:19-23

Devotional: God's continued guidance of Joseph shows us the importance of maintaining an ongoing relationship with Him. Joseph didn't rely on a one-time directive but remained open to God's leading throughout his journey. This teaches us that the Christian life is one of constant communication with God, seeking His will in every decision. Today, evaluate your own prayer life and connection with God. Are you actively seeking His guidance in both big and small decisions? Ask God to deepen your relationship with Him and to make you more sensitive to His direction.

Day 5: The Humble King

Reading: Isaiah 53:1-3

Devotional: The reference to Jesus being called a Nazarene points to His humble origins and the unexpected nature of God's plan. This aligns with Isaiah's prophecy of a Messiah who would be "despised and rejected by mankind." Jesus' humble beginnings remind us that God often works in ways that confound human expectations. In your own life, where might you be limiting God based on your preconceptions? Pray for a heart that's open to God's surprising ways of working, and for the humility to follow Jesus' example of servanthood. Ask God to reveal areas in your life where pride might be hindering your spiritual growth.