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Epiphany Sunday 2022

We could speak about the wonder of the Star, the fear and jealousy of Herod, the ethic make-up of the Magi who journey, but at the end of it all...The Best part of this Story is that <u>They Found what they were looking for!</u>

They Wise Men were truly wise in that they were able to look through it all, to use it all to find what they were looking for.

What are you looking for? How are you using the life and the journey you have been given to seek your hearts' desire. Because Jesus tells us in the scripture, "Where your treasure is your heart will be also."

How do the Wise Men, the travelers find their heart's desire?

Because the Magi, desired to find the newborn King they used what God had provided them for the journey.

 The truth of this life's journey is that we are called to interpret the signs of the time. We are called to interpret the stars we see and be illumined by their light.

The Star: The Wise me saw the star as a sign of a great event—And it drew them into not only wonder, but guided them to the immensity of God brought into being through the miracle of a child. And its light enveloped them and caused them to drop to their knees before God found in the new born king.

Are we looking for signs of God's wonder? Are we curious about the miracle found and given to us each day we live and journey forward in Faith?

• The truth of the life is that we are all called to seek Wisdom:

The Wise men sought wisdom as found in scripture: For the Messiah would be found, according to the sacred text, in the city of David as the child who was born was of the House and lineage of David.

What are we seeking as wisdom writings: the latest rumor on FaceBook, the constant talking heads of 24 hour news networks, or the latest tweeter or tick-tock feeds. What are you reading? Are you seeking him through prayer and scripture. When was the last time you picked up your bible to read or pray?

• The truth of this life is that we are all called to use the communities that we are given for our own Growth!

The Wise men sought the direction of others, and learned from bad advise. Where do you seek your direction? The Church and it's wisdom, or the local coffee clutch who tells us what is true and what to believe?

The truth of this Life is that we are all give precious gifts!

The wise men used their precious gifts to obtain their heart's desires, giving their bests in order to obtain the best...The Pearl of Great Price. What do you use the best you have to obtain?

We think of the wise men as giving three gifts: Gold Frankencense and Myrrh. But there was a fourth gift present. The Gift of their Faith.—

They paid Homage to their new found King. And with understanding they took another road. Their conversion was complete...They forever journey now in Faith.

This is a real lesson for the believer!