

The Christian life isn't static—it's a journey filled with seasons. From the moment you receive Christ, your relationship with Him will go through different phases. There are times when God's presence is so evident that you feel like He's walking right beside you. But there are also times when He feels distant, hidden, or silent. These seasons aren't signs that God has abandoned you—they are invitations to seek Him more deeply.

The Principle of Seeking

God has established a spiritual principle: **those who seek Him will find Him**—but that seeking is often meant to stretch us and mature our faith.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." — *Jeremiah 29:13*

Many believers don't expect this. When they no longer "feel" God as they used to, they begin to doubt their salvation or even question their calling. Some turn back, believing maybe it wasn't really God who saved them. But such seasons are not unusual—they're part of the refining process.

The Wise Men's Journey: A Pattern for Us

Let's consider the story of the **Magi**, or wise men, in **Matthew 2**. These were likely scholars or astrologers from the East—possibly Babylon—who were deeply interested in spiritual matters. As they studied the heavens, God revealed something extraordinary: the birth of a divine King. They saw **His star** and began their journey toward it.

“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.’” — *Matthew 2:1-2*

They expected the star to guide them all the way. But when they reached Jerusalem, it disappeared. Imagine their confusion—they had followed this supernatural sign across a vast distance, and now it was gone.

This interruption didn't cause them to turn back. Instead, they started asking questions. They inquired of King Herod—even though he was **an enemy of Christ**—and learned from the religious leaders that the

Messiah was to be born in **Bethlehem**, fulfilling the prophecy in **Micah 5:2**.

“But you, Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” — *Matthew 2:6*

This shows us something important: **God can use unlikely sources—even enemies—to lead His people closer to the truth.** What matters is how you respond.

The Star Reappears—And So Does Joy

Once the Magi continued toward Bethlehem in obedience to the prophecy, the star reappeared.

“After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.” — *Matthew 2:9-10*

They entered the house, saw Jesus with His mother Mary, and bowed in worship. They presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—gifts that symbolized Jesus' kingship, divinity, and future sacrifice.

The Magi's journey mirrors ours. There are moments of clarity (when the star shines), moments of silence (when it disappears), and moments of joy (when it reappears). The key is to **keep moving forward in faith** even when the path is unclear.

From Shallow Faith to Deep Discipleship

When we first come to Christ, it often feels like everything is fresh and alive. God speaks. Prayers are answered quickly. You see His hand in everything. But later on, He may seem hidden. That's not abandonment—it's an invitation to grow.

"Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature..." — *Hebrews 5:13-14*

This is when we must go deeper. Study the Word. Ask questions. Pray and fast. Hunger for truth—not just feelings. **Faith matures in silence,**

not just in signs.

The Bible is full of examples of people who sought God during dry seasons:

- **David** cried, *“Why, Lord, do you stand far off?”* (Psalm 10:1)
- **Job** said, *“If I go to the east, He is not there... yet He knows the way that I take.”* (Job 23:8-10)
- Even **Jesus**, on the cross, cried out, *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* (Matthew 27:46)

And yet, in all of these, **God was not absent—He was working behind the scenes.**

Don't Turn Back—Press On

If you're in a season where it's harder to feel God, don't quit. Don't assume something's wrong. Instead, see it as a divine invitation to draw closer.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” — *Galatians 6:9*

God rewards those who **diligently seek Him** (Hebrews 11:6). No one who sincerely pursues Christ ends in failure. You **will** find Him again. You **will** rejoice again. Not just in heaven—but even here on earth.

If you're in a moment where the "star" seems hidden—when God feels far away—don't slow down. **Press in. Intensify your pursuit.** This may be the moment right before a new revelation, a fresh encounter, or a deeper experience of His presence.

You are not lost. You are on the path of transformation.

The Lord bless you as you continue to seek Him.

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