

Choices that Create Joy for Your Life, Pt. 3

Review

So far, we learned that from two Christmas characters; Mary and Joseph. We learned that....

- Anxiety and Worry that lead to Fear can destroy our Joy.

Like Mary, when we are anxious and afraid, we should Trust God and Accept His Plan for our lives.

- Bitterness and Resentment resulting from Hurts can destroy our Joy.

Like Joseph, when we are hurt, abused, offended, or betrayed, we must Choose to be Graceful, not Resentful.

Today, we will focus on the wise men who came from the East who left their country looking for he who has been born king of the Jews the baby Jesus. Story is found in Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew 2:1-2

The Wisemen came to look for the baby who is the king of the Jews and were told he is not in the palace. That is a confusing situation. How come someone who is born to be a king is not born in the palace.

Matthew 2:3-6

When Herod heard it he was confused too. We are told all of Jerusalem is confused too. So, you can see that Mary is

confused, Joseph is confused, the Wisemen are confused, Herod is confused and all of Jerusalem is confused too.

You cannot be confused and Joyful at the same time.

When you can't figure out the direction of your life, joy is a very difficult thing for you.

The confusion of the Wisemen was a little bit different. They were confused about the direction to take. They knew the savior was born but they did not know where he was. They set out to look for him.

Like the Wisemen,

When you are confused about the direction of your life, choose to wait on God and follow His direction one step at a time.

Lessons from the Wisemen:

The Wisemen Choice to follow the Star shows:

1. You must invest time, energy, money or whatever it takes to go after King Jesus – **Matthew 2:1-2**
2. You must pay attention to people of influence and how they drive you away from the Savior – **Matthew 2:4-8**
3. You may be confused about the twist and turns in your life, keep following God's direction - **Matthew 2:9-10**
4. In your quest to find Jesus, your focus should be to worship HIM – **Matthew 2:11-12**

Are you confused about anything in life? Chose to wait on God and follow His direction.

