



YOU CAN'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT

Part 4: "Star Search"

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IF I STOP CHASING WHAT I WANT ALL THE TIME, I CAN FINALLY...

1. ...START EXPERIENCING SELFLESS WORSHIP

"That night, some shepherds were out in the fields near Bethlehem watching their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord was shining around them. The shepherds were very afraid. The angel said to them, 'Don't be afraid. I have some very good news for you—news that will make everyone happy. Today your Savior was born in David's town. He is the Messiah, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a feeding box.'

Then a huge army of angels from heaven joined the first angel, and they were all praising God, saying, 'Praise God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace to the people who please him.' The angels left the shepherds and went back to heaven. The shepherds said to each other, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this great event the Lord has told us about.' So they went running and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the feeding box. When they saw the baby, they told what the angels said about this child. Everyone was surprised when they heard what the shepherds told them. Mary continued to think about these things, trying to understand them. The shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything they had seen and heard. It was just as the angel had told them.

Luke 2:8-20 (ERV)

2. ...**START WATCHING FOR AND SEEING** **GOD'S LEADING IN MY LIFE**

"Jesus was born in Bethlehem near Jerusalem during the reign of King Herod. After Jesus' birth a group of spiritual priests from the East came to Jerusalem and inquired of the people, 'Where is the child who is born king of the Jewish people? We observed his star rising in the sky and we've come to bow before him in worship.'"

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And so they left, and on their way to Bethlehem, suddenly the same star they had seen in the East reappeared! Amazed, they watched as it went ahead of them and stopped directly over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:1-2, 9 (TPT)

“Those who live following their sinful selves think only about things that their sinful selves want. But those who live following the Spirit are thinking about the things the Spirit wants them to do.”

Romans 8:5 (NCV)

3. ...START CHOOSING MOMENTS OF GIVING OVER GETTING

“And when they saw the star, they were so ecstatic that they shouted and celebrated with unrestrained joy. When they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary, his mother, they were overcome. Falling to the ground at his feet they worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure boxes full of gifts and presented him with gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:10-11 (TPT)

“Giving grows out of the heart—otherwise, you’ve reluctantly grumbled ‘yes’ because you felt you had to or because you couldn’t say ‘no,’ but this isn’t the way God wants it. For we know that ‘God loves a cheerful giver.’”

2 Corinthians 9:7 (TVB)

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