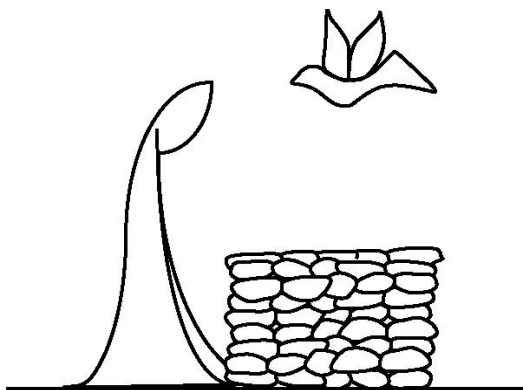




# Following the Star

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Matthew 2:1-2 & 9-10--"*Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him, When they had heard the king they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was, When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.*"



In Matthew 4:19, Jesus says to "*Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*" In John 4 we are told of the woman at the well who bid all in her path, "*Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?*" Both compelling invitations culminate in a life-changing experience. But perhaps greater still is the invitation given by the star in Matthew 2. The star the wise men followed from the east went before them. It led the way to the place where Jesus lay. Its light shone brightly so that it could be seen for miles and miles. The Bible tells us that the wise men traveled from afar to the place where baby Jesus lay. In its position high above the earth the star sit perfectly in place guiding the wise men to a place of peace and joy. The account of the wise men's journey in Matthew tells us "*when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.*" No doubt the wise men were elated to see the star so visible in the night leading them every step of their journey. Surely, the wise men found comfort in having a



light to guide their way. And oh, what peace must have overtaken their soul when as they stood before the newborn King, the light of that blessed star shone round about them and they could see it positioned high and lifted up above their heads. The star brought them direction, comfort, provision for their journey, peace and exceeding joy. The Bible calls those who followed Jesus on that journey, wise men. Following the star, through the dark of night, brought them to a place in their life of rejoicing with exceeding great joy.



We too travel a path that sometimes takes us into the black of night. We too face the uncertainties of darkness around about us. But, just like the wise men of old, we too can follow the star. Jesus has said in John 8:12--" *I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*" The psalmist David wrote in Psalms 119:105 "*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*" Just like the wise men and just like David we have a light to follow that leads to rejoicing with exceeding great joy. When night falls upon our journey we must keep our eyes upon Jesus. He will direct our paths (Proverbs 3:6), give us perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3) and fill us with joy unspeakable and full of glory (I Peter 1:8). Just as following the star led the wise men to Jesus, following the light of Christ will lead you to Him. As He is lifted up in your life His light will show you the way. It is there that you will experience peace, joy and hope for tomorrow. No matter how dark the night may be the star



is always shining. So, whenever satan sends the night into your way, remember that the light is always shining and according to I John 4:4--" *greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.*" Follow the star that leads to Jesus "*And let the peace of God rule in your hearts,*" Colossians 3:15.



May God richly bless you this Christmas season,  
From the Staff of Woman at the Well Ministries.



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