



## Escaping Uncertainty

Matt 2:1-12

📖 *Isaiah 9:6 (ESV) “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

📖 Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)

### 1. Trust God’s Guidance amid Uncertainty

- 📖 Matthew 2:2 (ESV) For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.
- 📖 Psalm 19:1 (ESV) The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- 📖 John 14:6 (ESV) Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- 📖 Psalm 119:105 (ESV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

### 2. Be Courageous during Uncertainty

- 📖 Matthew 2:3 (ESV) When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him
- 📖 John 16:33 (ESV) I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.
- 📖 Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV) Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus...
- 📖 Psalm 56:3-4 (ESV) When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

### 3. Worship the King in the midst of Uncertainty

- 📖 Matthew 2:11 (ESV) And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.
- 📖 Philippians 2:9-11 (ESV) Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- 📖 Romans 12:1 (ESV) I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
- 📖 Habakkuk 3:17-18 (ESV) Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

**Ways of Escape:** When have you faced a time of uncertainty and felt unsure about what to do? How might trusting God’s guidance, like the Wise Men trusted the star, help you in those moments? What are some fears or questions you have about the future? How can remembering that Jesus is the Mighty God give you courage to face those uncertainties? The Wise Men didn’t have all the answers, but they still obeyed and followed God’s leading. What is one step you can take this week to trust God, even if you don’t know how everything will turn out?

