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DEVOTIONS CONNECTING TEENS TO CHRIST

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

Encountering Jesus: No distance too far

On Christmas Day my family and I watched the movie “Sing.” Buster Moon is one of the main characters; he is an eternal optimist and a little bit underhanded. He loves his theater though, and is willing to go to any length in order to preserve and save it. When he is at risk of losing it to the bank, he goes to extraordinary lengths to try to keep it.

How far would you go? How long would you wait? How much would you pay? What is the thing in your life that you would do anything to keep? Who is the person in your life that you would do anything for in order to preserve the relationship?

The Wise Men had encountered Jesus in his Word. Then, they saw that star. And somehow, some way—they knew the star belonged to Jesus. It was his star. He was the One for whom they were willing to travel an incredible distance to worship. They gave up rich treasures in their lives to honor him with their gifts. No distance was too far. No gift was too big.

That’s how Jesus views you. There is no distance too far, no gift too big when it comes to you. In fact, he traveled from heaven’s high throne and was born in Bethlehem for you. He gave up the riches of heaven to give you the riches of heaven. He gave up his own life to give you eternal life. No distance was too far, no cost was too great.

Just like the Wise Men, you’ve seen his star. You’ve encountered Jesus in the Bible. Let nothing keep you from him. He will let nothing keep him from you.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you left the riches of heaven for me so that I could have the riches of heaven. There was no distance too far or cost too great. Make me like the Wise Men—let nothing keep me from you. Make me ready and willing to seek you no matter what the cost. Amen.