

QFMC 5 Day Devotional

Week of February 1, 2026 by Ryan Massey

5-Day Devotional: Responding to the King

Day 1: The Journey of Seeking

Reading: Matthew 2:1-2

Devotional: The Magi traveled hundreds of miles, risking everything to find the newborn King. They had limited information—just a star and ancient prophecies—yet they moved in faith. Their journey reminds us that seeking God often requires stepping out with incomplete knowledge, trusting that He will guide us.

Today, consider: What is God calling you to pursue, even when you don't have all the answers? True worship begins with earnest seeking. The Magi didn't wait for perfect clarity; they followed the light they had. Are you willing to take the next step in your spiritual journey, trusting God to illuminate your path? Seeking Jesus is never wasted effort—He rewards those who diligently pursue Him.

Day 2: The Posture of Humility

Reading: Matthew 2:10-11; Philippians 2:5-11

Devotional: When the Magi found Jesus, they "fell to the ground and worshiped him." These educated, respected scholars humbled themselves before a child. True worship requires laying down our pride, credentials, and self-importance.

In our achievement-driven culture, humility feels counterintuitive. We build resumes, seek recognition, and protect our reputations. Yet Jesus calls us to a different posture—one of surrender. The Magi recognized that standing before the King of Kings demands nothing less than complete humility.

What areas of your life are you still holding upright, refusing to bow? Your career? Your plans? Your reputation? Today, practice the posture of worship by surrendering one specific area to Jesus' lordship. Remember: the pathway to exaltation is through humility.

Day 3: Costly Offerings

Reading: Matthew 2:11; 2 Samuel 24:18-25

Devotional: The Magi brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh—expensive gifts that cost them significantly. They didn't offer leftovers or convenience; they gave their treasures. King David once said, "I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing."

Our worship reveals what we truly value. When we give God our leftover time, minimal resources, or half-hearted attention, we demonstrate that He's not truly our King. Genuine worship is costly—it demands our best, not our excess.

What treasure is God asking you to offer Him? Perhaps it's your time, your comfort, your financial security, or a cherished dream. True worship isn't measured by the amount but by the sacrifice. Today, consider what costly offering you can bring before your King.

Day 4: Knowledge Without Obedience

Reading: Matthew 2:4-6; James 1:22-25

Devotional: The religious leaders knew exactly where the Messiah would be born—Bethlehem, just five miles away. They had all the scriptural knowledge but never made the journey. They were informed yet unmoved, knowledgeable yet unchanged.

Information without transformation is merely religious decoration. We can attend church, read Scripture, and know theology while remaining spiritually stagnant. The scribes could quote prophecy but missed the fulfillment standing miles away.

How much biblical knowledge do you possess that hasn't translated into action? What truth have you learned but not applied? Today, identify one thing you know God has called you to do—then take one concrete step of obedience. Remember: faith without works is dead, and knowledge without obedience doesn't lead to worship.

Day 5: Leaving Changed

Reading: Matthew 2:12; Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: After encountering Jesus, the Magi "left for their own country by another way." Their worship experience transformed their direction. True encounters with Jesus always result in changed lives—we cannot meet the King and remain the same.

God warned them in a dream, and they obeyed immediately, altering their plans. Worship that doesn't lead to transformation isn't genuine worship. When we truly recognize Jesus as King, we surrender our preferred routes and follow His direction.

What path is God calling you to abandon? What new direction is He leading you toward? Encountering Jesus should change how you live Monday through Saturday, not just how you spend Sunday morning. Today, ask God to show you one specific way He wants you to "go another way"—then commit to walking that new path in obedience.