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**Series: Christmas—It's All in How You Look at It  
Focusing on the Task at Hand (The Magi's View)**

Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem<sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."*

*<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:*

*<sup>6</sup>"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."*

*<sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."*

*<sup>9</sup>After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup>On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.*

**1. THE MAGI WERE \_\_\_\_\_ OUT OF A DEEP  
NEED TO WORSHIP.**

*v. 2 "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."*

- The Magi were God-fearing gentiles who knew a \_\_\_\_\_ was coming.

- The Magi were looking for a Messiah, because God said He was \_\_\_\_\_.
- God used a \_\_\_\_\_ star to start the Magi on their journey.

**2. KING HEROD WAS MOTIVATED OUT OF A NEED TO  
\_\_\_\_\_ HIS KINGDOM.**

*v. 3 "When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him."*

- Herod (And All Jerusalem) was \_\_\_\_\_ at the arrival of the Magi.

*v. 4 "When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born."*

- Herod \_\_\_\_\_ all the wise men he knew to find Jesus.
- Herod was looking to \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus instead of lifting up his hands in worship.

**3. THE MAGI WERE RADICALLY CHANGED BY THEIR  
\_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE MESSIAH.**

- The Magi were wise enough to see through Herod's \_\_\_\_\_.

*v. 8 "He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'"*

- The Magi realized that the star was a sign \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

*v. 10 "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed."*

- God \_\_\_\_\_ the Magi after they worshipped the King.

*v. 12 "And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route."*

**While it is still true that wise men \_\_\_\_\_  
Him today, it only makes a difference if we are changed**