

Those Seeking Jesus

Not Knowing. Have you ever thought of the things that the wise men did not know? Like Abraham, they set out on a journey, not knowing where it would take them (Hebrews 11:8). First of all, they did not know how long the trip would be when they decided to follow the star that appeared in the East. Secondly, they did not know how they would be received in the faraway foreign land. They did not know what the king would look like; nor did they know when or if they would return home. Yet they, like Abraham, chose to make the journey.

Following the light of God is a journey of similar faith. We often feel that we don't know where our journey will lead us, and we certainly never know what we will find along the way. We do, however, know that God goes before us, and with us, and that the journey is not in vain.

Have you ever started out on a trip and not had the slightest idea where you were going? Most of us would say no of course. How would you pack for a trip like that? How long would it take? How would you know when you got where you were going? And how would you get back home? The wise the three kings in today's gospel lesson were on just such a journey. They weren't sure where exactly they were going as they followed that star. They didn't know how they would be received in a foreign land, and they had no idea what the king they were looking for looked like. In many ways they were like

Abraham making a journey on faith. They were not sure where they were going but they chose to go just as Abraham did.

When we chose to follow Jesus, we set off on a similar journey. As the wise men followed the light of a star, we follow the light of Jesus. As the wise men did not know how they would be received as they traveled, we too do not know what we will face along the way of Jesus. They brought gifts to present to the king when they found him. We too are given gifts to present to Jesus. Their mission was to find the new king and praise him. Our mission is to help others find Jesus and share the journey with as many as we can as long as we can. Our faith journey can take us places we never thought we would go. We will face difficult decisions, and struggles, but we travel with the courage of assurance that God is with us and so our journey is not in vain.