



## Christmas – God Is Still Calling...

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Matthew 2:1-11

Matthew 2:1-11 CEV

**\*God always calls those who are seeking...**

Jeremiah 29:13 NIV

"What has God been saying to you?"

"I'm real, I'm here, I want to get to know you. I want you to get to know Me."

"It's time to get into relationship with others who are following Me. They will love you and walk beside you."

"I love you...You are my child...I'll help you, I'll forgive you and I'll lead you to wholeness."

"I would love to spend some time with you. Read My word, pray to Me, listen to My voice, grow in your relationship with Me."

"I have a mission for you. I've got a specific journey for you and that journey will impact your life and the lives of others greatly. I have something for you to do."

**God never calls us to a short journey...**

**Or an easy one...**

1Timothy 4:7 "...train yourselves to be godly"

Hebrews 12:1 "...and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us"

1Timothy 4:8-9 NLT

"...the promised benefits in this life and in the life to come"

"It's the finished product that counts"

Mignon Wright (My great mother-in-law...Remember me on Christmas day...) :)

Isaiah 40:31 NLT

Isaiah 43:1-3 Message- But now, God's Message, the God who made you in the first place, Jacob, the One who got you started, Israel: "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end- because I am God, your personal God, your Savior."

Success is the journey- not just the destination...

**God always calls us to a greater place...**

Movie clip- The Nativity Story- Scene 20 (about 5 minutes)

Ephesians 3:20 Message- God can do anything, you know- far more than you can ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!

\*More in your family  
\*More in your health  
\*More in your marriage  
\*More in your character

\*More in your finances  
\*More in your relationships  
\*More than your dreams