

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) Because God is determined that we know Him and grow in Him, He didn't just send information, He sent Himself.
- 2) Many people miss out on having a relationship with God, on dealing with sin issues, on growing in their life with God because they are so consumed with pride and with their own agendas.
- 3) God's invitation is consistent; throughout the course of life, He brings opportunities our way for us to begin a relationship with Him and for us to grow in the relationship we already have with Him.
- 4) 2:3 Herod's reaction to God's activity affected those around him as well. People are always watching when disruptions come your way to see how you respond.
- 5) 2:4-6 Herod knew enough to consult Scripture; his advisors showed him Truth, but he didn't follow its directive. He also knew the Child was the Messiah.
- 6) 2:16 Herod's perception of the magi's motives was not their true intention.
- 7) 2:16 Herod not only rejected God's activity, He set himself against God.

Action Step-

Slow down and see if that very thing interrupting your schedule is a God-opportunity.

*"God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action. As a result, you must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing."*

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GREEK WORDS

Tarassō (tar-as'-so)—to stir or agitate (roil water) :- trouble

TODAY'S SONGS

"What Child Is This" words by William Chatterton Dix; music by traditional English Melody "Greensleeves" and Carrollton Public Domain

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