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FOLLOW THE STAR

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

They went on their way and the star they had seen in the east
WENT AHEAD OF THEM.

(Matthew 2:2,9)

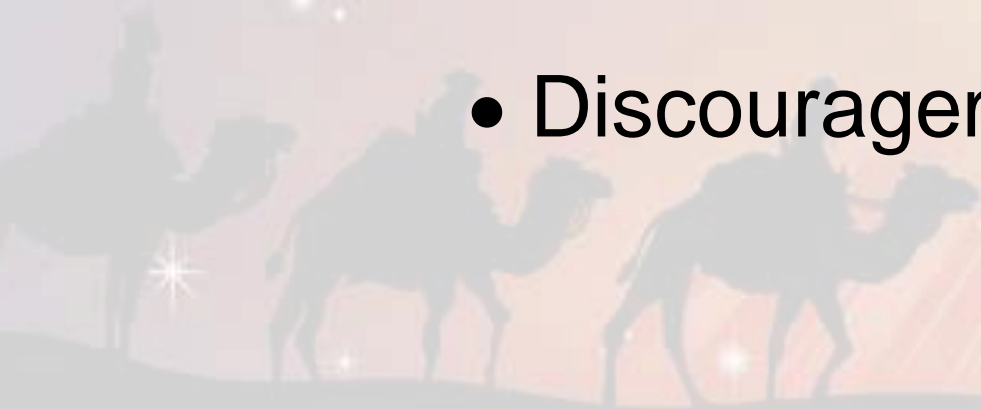
WHY DO WE FOLLOW?

- Curiosity
- Custom
- Conviction



WHY DO WE NOT FOLLOW?

- Disbelief
- Distraction
- Discouragement



PHYSICAL

Someone/Something
is ahead of me, and I go
where they go



SPIRITUAL

An example/expectation/reward
precedes me and I **pursue**.



An incredible journey... following a star... based on conviction

? What does this teach us about following Christ in our own journey?



Following Christ is a **personal quest**



Following Christ requires **absolute determination.**



Following Christ requires **great sacrifice**



Following Christ requires **full confidence**



Following Christ is not simply for **my benefit**,
but for his glory!



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