

Title: The Wonder of Wander: All I need is a little bit of hope

Text: Matthew 2:1-10

Target: The hope that led the wise men is proof that for those who seek Jesus, will find Him.

The Problem: Our hope is handcuffed to what's happening.

Because of where their hope was, the wise men were:

1. Hopeful in spite of the cost: *The journey*

- a. *"...wise men from the east came to Jerusalem." (Vs.1a)*
- b. *"The East" = Ancient Persia. A 700–800-mile journey from Ancient Persia to Jerusalem.*

2. Hopeful in spite of the pressure: *The king*

- a. *"When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled..." (Vs.3)*
- b. *"Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared." (Vs.7)*

3. Hopeful in spite of the conventional provision: *The star*

- a.
 - a. *"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose." (Vs.2b)*
 - b. *"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." (Vs.10)*
 - c. Old Testament reference: Numbers 24:17 & Daniel 9:25-27.

Take Away: When your hope is handcuffed to the promise you can endure anything.