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How to Step Into a Better Story

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After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.

"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'"

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

MATTHEW 2:1-12 (NIV84)

Questions That Shape Great Stories (and Great Lives):

1. What do I _____ ?
2. Why does it _____ ?
3. How will I _____ ?



How to Step Into a Better Story:

1. Shift your _____ (what you _____).

... "The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one whose eye sees clearly, the oracle of one who hears the words of God, who has knowledge from the Most High, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened: "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel." ...

NUMBERS 24:15-17 (NIV84)

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

PSALM 37:4 (NIV84)

2. Elevate your _____ (what you _____).

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

JOHN 1:10-11 (NIV84)

3. Step into _____ (what you _____).

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