

**SERIES:**

**TITLE:** *When God Guides*

**SPEAKER:** *Pastor Scott Moon*

**PASSAGE:** *Matthew 2:13-23*

**DATES:** *January 2, 2022*

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**MESSAGE TAKEAWAY**

- When we faithfully follow, God faithfully guides.
  - We can faithfully follow God's guidance despite not having all the answers.
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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- How are you doing as we start 2022?
- At this season of your life and journey, what steps do you want to take spiritually this New Year?
- Read Matthew 2:13-23.
- Who is Matthew's primary audience? How is this evidenced in the 3 sections of this passage?
- What is Joseph told to do in verses 13 and 14?
- What could have made it difficult for him to go and obey?
- How does this story parallel the Exodus story?
- Was being called a Nazarene a compliment? Read John 1:43-46
- What could have been significant about Jesus coming from Nazareth?
- Have someone read this quote. How does it speak to you?

*"We were made to live under God's rule. To recognize and submit to God's sovereignty isn't a loss of freedom; it is the only pathway to true human freedom. Jesus willingly humbled himself and lived in poverty, rather than sovereignty, so that through his life and death he would rescue self-sovereigns from themselves. He placed himself under broken and unjust human rule in order to liberate us from self-rule and transform us into people who celebrate and willingly submit to his rule." – Paul Tripp*

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**NEXT STEPS**

- Consider, what in your life, do you need to release control and follow God's guidance?
- A suggested prayer each day: "God, show me where you are guiding me today, and give me what I need to faithfully follow."