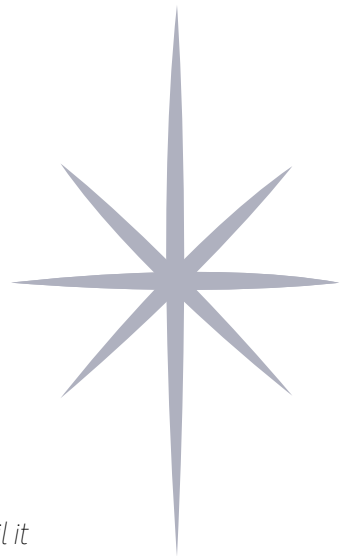


# Following the Star

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## Week 3: Getting Out

*"They set out. And behold, the star they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."*

*- Matthew 2:9*

### REFLECTION:

#### 1) Recognizing the Invitation

*Beauty beckons, comforts, and promises...*

#### 2) A Journey of the Heart

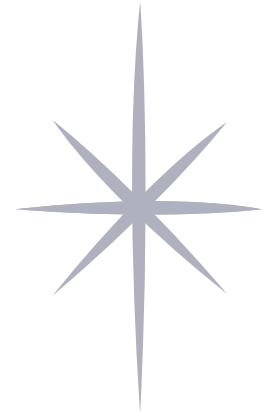
*It is not enough to "love" God - We have to be IN LOVE with God.*

#### 3) Fears and Obstacles

*"Perfect love casts out all fear" - 1 John 14:18*

*For  
everything  
that was  
created  
wants,  
in the  
depths of  
its being,  
to do what  
it was  
created to  
do.  
~Friedrich  
Hoffman*

# Week 3: Challenge



## TO DO:

- Continue your family plan and add hay to the Manger
- Make sure you make it to one of this week's penance services if you haven't already finished last week's challenge
- Take your quiet time to ask Our Lord to increase your love for Him

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Where are your favorite places to notice beauty in creation? How does it point you to God?

Is your love for God a love "in name only", or does it affect your life? How can you tell? Do you ever pray for greater love?

Where are you on the "Love Languages" ladder? What is one practical step you could commit to working on this week that might propel you upward one more rung?

What is your biggest fear/obstacle when approaching God? What is one practical way you could address this fear/obstacle this week?

*Whoever  
does not  
love  
does not  
know God,  
because  
God  
IS  
love.  
- 1 John 4:8*

## RESOURCES:

- Check Website for Resources and Links

***Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. - Proverbs 3:5-6***