



DAY 38



LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED

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 search carefully for the child.
As soon as you find him, report to me,
so that I too may go and worship him.”**

Matthew 2:7-8

Jesus was sought after his whole life, even from the moment of his birth. Some, like the wise men, sought after him with joy and reverence in their hearts. Herod sought after him with dread and enmity. The disciples sought after him to sit at his feet and learn. Eventually, the Sanhedrin sought after him to nail him to the cross. Throughout Scripture, people were desperate to get to Jesus – some with good motives, some with bad. But we can learn something from Herod here – he sought after the Christ child with urgency, diligence, and desperation. He instructed the wise men to leave no stone unturned in their search for him. Herod did this out of self-preservation, but we can do so like the wise men, out of devotion and desperation for his presence. I often grow casual in my pursuit of Christ, knowing that there are parts of my life I have yet to give over to him. I allow myself to be satisfied with only giving him half of my heart, half of my effort. Let us pursue

Christ with diligence, leaving no stone unturned in our lives.

What areas of your life have you yet to submit to Christ? What stones have been left unturned?

How can you make your time with the Lord a higher priority?
What are some ways you can grow in your daily devotional life?

Lord, you came to this earth so that we could find new life in you. Help me to give you my whole life, leaving no stone unturned. Show me what parts of my life I have kept from you. Help me not to grow satisfied with only giving you half of my heart, half of my life. Teach me how to give you all of my devotion, and give me the grace to pursue you with all that I have. Amen.

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