

LESSON 5 December 31, 2023

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UNWAVERING IN A BAD FAITH LAWSUIT

This year, a judge in Houston, Texas, made a ruling in a trade dispute between Teligistics, an expense management company, and Liquid Networx, a San Antonio-based cybersecurity company. Teligistics accused Liquid Networx of stealing a trade secret, but a jury found that Teligistics did not own the secret and had brought the lawsuit in bad faith, which means with dishonest or harmful intent. In September, the Houston judge awarded Liquid Networx over a million dollars in attorneys' fees as damages. Attorneys praised Liquid Networx, which "never wavered in its denial of any wrongdoing and asserted that the lawsuit was brought in bad faith."

UNWAVERING IN A GOOD FAITH JOURNEY

Somewhere in "the east," possibly Persia, Magi saw a star rise in the sky and understood it to herald the birth of a king of the Jews. In faith that their observations were correct, they set out on a long, overland journey to come worship such a supernaturally announced king. In faith, they asked King Herod about where the baby would be born, in faith they went to Bethlehem as the Jewish teachers advised, and in faith—because of a warning dream—they departed via another way.

- 1. What does it feel like to be exonerated from a false accusation?
- 2. When have you seen non-Christians behave with admirable faith?
- 3. Why do you think none of the Jewish chief priests accompanied the Magi to Bethlehem?

Additional Resources

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Music Video, Traditional: <u>"We Three Kings (Persian style)"</u> Music Video, Multicultural: <u>"We Three Kings" by the Watoto Children's Choir</u> Music Video, Contemporary: <u>"We Three Kings (Epic)" by L'Orchestra Cinématique</u> <u>Precept Austin Resources for Matthew 2</u> <u>Biblical Scholarship on the Magi's Journey</u> IVP Commentary on Matthew 2

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