

## SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

### Jesus and His Dysfunctional Family

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### What can we learn about God's Kingdom from Jesus' family tree?

Matthew 1:1 "This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham."

Matthew 1:2-3 "Abraham was the father of Isaac.  
Isaac was the father of Jacob.

Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.

<sup>3</sup> Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah (whose mother was Tamar)."

- **We don't have to be defined by our fallings and our trauma.**

Matthew 1:5 "Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was Rahab).  
Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth).  
Obed was the father of Jesse."

- **We don't have to be defined by our choices.**

- **We don't have to be defined by our circumstances.**

Matthew 1:6-7 "Jesse was the father of King David.  
David was the father of Solomon (whose mother was Bathsheba, the widow of Uriah).

<sup>7</sup> Solomon was the father of Rehoboam."

- **We don't have to be defined by our worst sin.**

Matthew 1:16-17 "Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.  
Mary gave birth to Jesus, who is called the Messiah. <sup>17</sup> All those listed above include fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the Babylonian exile, and fourteen from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah."

### What does this tell us about God's Kingdom?

- **Our past does not need to define us and our heritage does not need to hinder us...because God is our redeemer.**

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV) For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

**Big Idea: Trust in Christ and let God's grace define & develop you.**

Romans 8:28-29 (NLT) And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. <sup>29</sup> For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:31-35, 37 (NLT) What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. <sup>34</sup> Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honour at God's right hand, pleading for us. <sup>35</sup> Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?... <sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

- **Choose to believe that God loves you and His grace is available.**

- **Choose to believe that you are who God says you are.**

- **Choose to believe that God is working everything for your good as you follow Christ.**

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT) and the New International Version (NIV).*



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#4 of 5 - Dec. 22, 2019**

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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
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- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) In what ways is your family tree unique or dysfunctional? How has this impacted you as a person and as a family?

4) Read Matthew 1:1-17. What do you learn about some of the names mentioned in this list? What does this tell us about God and how he views our dysfunctional family dynamics?

5) Why is it significant that Matthew specifically mentions five women in this list? What do we know about these women? What does this tell us about how God views "outsiders" and those marginalized in society?

6) Reflect on 1 Peter 1:18-19 and the statement "Our past does not need to define us and our heritage does not need to hinder us...because God is our redeemer." How do you need to apply this truth today?

7) Read and reflect on Romans 8:28-37. How is God speaking to you through this passage today? Take some time to consider a specific action step for each point below. How can you apply these truths to your life?

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