



Your *story* matters.



EXTENDED
Family
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"EXTENDED FAMILY"

Pastor Tony Myles

MESSAGE NOTES

Creative space: Consider your a_____*

*They were _____ who felt and thought (maybe _____) their way through choices that created what you're _____ with.

Where does the Christmas story _____?

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"This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 1:18)

A _____ says that someone didn't just appear out of thin air, but that they belong to a family, have a history and can find a God-given _____.

- Notice, when we do this, we're tempted to "_____ over the _____."
- Notice, your _____ has shaped you.

Every name has a story. (See Matthew 1:1-17)

- Abraham: The original Israelite whose name gives bragging rights but started out _____ and _____.
- Isaac, Jacob: The famous offspring who expanded the "family business," but also repeated some of the same family _____.
- Judah, Perez, Zerah: Tamar, a twice-widowed daughter-in-law to Judah, _____ him by disguise to become pregnant.
- Hezron, Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon, Rahab: Relocated, endured slavery, came back, endured war, and then faced famine.
- Boaz, Ruth, Obed: Mixed family, as Ruth was a _____ and _____ who married into _____ bloodline through Jewish dad Boaz.
- Jesse: Became a farmer and sheep breeder in _____.
- David: Famous Jewish King whose heart was "_____ " God.

- Bathsheba: The _____ of someone else...who was sought out, made pregnant, made a widow, then made a queen.
- Solomon: Given _____ of wisdom but wasn't always wise.
- Rehoboam... Jacob: Corrupt (or good) kings, politicians, royal descendants, priests and a few "_____".
- Joseph: A _____, distinguished heritage, and he's engaged to Mary.

Why?

The superb and scandalous people in Jesus' genealogy...

We're invited to join God not just on the basis of what we've done...

"Good News" always has a _____. (See [Matthew 1:18-21](#))

Notice, Joseph is to do the _____.

Notice, God can draw straight using _____.

There is no guarantee of _____. (See [Luke 2:1-7](#))

Notice, no one in Joseph's family _____.

Notice, Mary _____ Jesus.

Christmas matters because:

- We aren't just from an _____ ...we are the _____. (See [2 Corinthians 5:16-18](#))
- Every decision an ancestor ever made shaped everyone after them...and that kind of impact is just as real _____.
- Jesus' genealogy shows He is the Savior for the _____, the _____, the _____, the _____, the _____, the _____...in every _____, Amen.

Don't miss this... The best way to _____ at Christmas is make sure you're _____.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!

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Icebreaker: Favorite Christmas Cookie – GO!

1. Pastor Tony asked you to “consider your ancestors.” How has your family shaped who you are?
2. Pastor Tony shared that, “a genealogy says that someone didn’t just appear out of thin air, but that they belong to a family, have a history and can find a God-given purpose.” How do you respond to this truth?
3. Refer to your message notes describing the lives of some of the people in Jesus’ genealogy. How does this impact your understanding of Jesus...and your own family?
4. Read [Matthew 1:18-21](#). Pastor Tony explained that “Good News” always has a backstory. How does this help you understand the Good News about Jesus?
5. Read [2 Corinthians 5:16-18](#). Discuss how being part of a new family, through Jesus, impacts everyday life.

Day One: [Psalm 13](#)

Day Two: [Proverbs 13](#)

Day Three: [Joshua 13](#)

Day Four: [Isaiah 13](#)

Day Five: [Acts 13](#)

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from
Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*



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Amen.

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