



Part 3: When God Calls

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Matthew 1: The Genealogy of Jesus

¹ A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

³ Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,

Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,

⁴ Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,

⁵ Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed the father of Jesse,

⁶ and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

⁷ Solomon the father of Rehoboam,

Rehoboam the father of Abijah,

Abijah the father of Asa,

⁸ Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,

Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram,

Jehoram the father of Uzziah,

⁹ Uzziah the father of Jotham,

Jotham the father of Ahaz,

Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,

¹⁰ Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,

Manasseh the father of Amon,

Amon the father of Josiah,

¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

¹² After the exile to Babylon:

Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,

Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

¹³ Zerubbabel the father of Abiud,

Abiud the father of Eliakim,

Eliakim the father of Azor,

¹⁴ Azor the father of Zadok,

Zadok the father of Akim,

Akim the father of Eliud,

¹⁵ Eliud the father of Eleazar,

Eleazar the father of Matthan,

Matthan the father of Jacob,

¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

These are all real people, called by God for the specific purpose of ushering in the Messiah.

The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.
The watchman opens the gate for him and the sheep know his voice.

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them,
And his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

- John 10:2-4

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots, a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him – the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord –and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

- Isaiah 11:1-5

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So what?

- If one could choose their family line, you would expect the choice of purity and nobility.
- Jesus chose his pedigree, and he chose the best of the best and the worst of the worst.
- God uses the stained and the soiled in order to bring the Messiah to redeem the stained and the soiled.
- We can be disobedient and rebellious toward God, but we cannot thwart his plan.
- Our own broken family line is no excuse.

**Will you take your rightful place in
the genealogy of a King?**

Small Group Questions

- 1) Do you know anything about your ancestors? Share any fun facts about your family tree.
- 2) Describe the family you grew up in and how you think that has affected your life.
- 3) What did you learn from discovering who is actually included in the family tree of Jesus?
- 4) How does the family tree of Jesus affect the way you look at your Savior?
- 5) How are you pursuing Jesus “in the silence” this Christmas?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now?

AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO THOSE CONSIDERING

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Over the next few weeks, some of the CTK family will be considering end-of-year financial gifts to the church. Please note that for 2012 tax-deduction consideration, contributions must be received on or before Monday, December 31. The church will be open on December 31 until 4:00 PM.

Mail-in giving must be postmarked by December 31. Gifts postmarked Tuesday, January 1 and later will be receipted in 2013. We will keep our 2012 books open until January 7 to process mail postmarked in 2012.

Another option is to give online at ctkbellingham.com before midnight December 31. With our new database system, online giving is easier than ever. You can give a one-time gift or set up scheduled giving, using a debit/credit card or direct from your checking account. You can also view your giving for the year and even print your 2012 contribution statement.

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