

Mother's Day: God Causes Good

(Matthew 1:1-6, 16 NLT) This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife Bathsheba... and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Women in the Lineage Jesus

Tamar - The Book of Genesis Chapter 38 - Rejected because of her husband's failure.

Rahab - The Book of Joshua Chapter 2 - Enslaved by prostitution.

Ruth - The Book of Ruth - Broken by loss.

Bathsheba - The Book of 2 Samuel Chapter 11 - Followed a sinful path.

Mary - The Book Luke Chapter 1 - Risked her life for God's purpose.

(Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV) Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

A Mother's Legacy

1. God accepts the rejected.

(Romans 15:7 NIV) Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

2. God saves in miraculous ways.

(Joshua 6:23 NIV) So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brothers and sisters and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family.

3. God's blessing follows obedience.

(Deuteronomy 28:1-8 NLT) "If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God: Your towns and your fields will be blessed. Your children and your crops will be blessed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be blessed. Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed. "The Lord will conquer your enemies when they attack you. They will attack you from one direction, but they will scatter from you in seven! "The Lord will guarantee a blessing on everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

4. God's plan overcomes imperfection.

(Romans 5:20-21 NLT) God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

5. God delivers on His promises.

(Luke 1:45 NLT) You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.

(Isaiah 55:1 ESV) So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

(Romans 8:28 NASB) And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.