



**Christmas at Calvary 2024**  
**A Journey to Grace**

***Grace Changes Everything!***

**Date:** December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**Text:** Matthew 1:1-6

**Passage Summary:** As we survey the \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to the birth of Christ, God made one thing abundantly clear; it would be a journey wholly and completely characterized by \_\_\_\_\_!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See how Matthew incorporates the genealogy of Christ to show his Jewish audience that Jesus truly does have the necessary genealogical \_\_\_\_\_ to be the \_\_\_\_\_! (1:1-6)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to the genealogy of Christ, He arrives through a line of unique UNdividuals: Unlikely, unqualified, unexpected, and altogether unworthy...

- But \_\_\_\_\_ changes \_\_\_\_\_! (v.1-6)

**Portraits of Grace: Abraham**

**Grace evidenced through strengths:** Demonstrated tremendous \_\_\_\_\_ in trusting in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, becoming a model of the salvation that would come on the basis of faith in every generation and dispensation.

*“Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.”*  
**Genesis 15:6**

**Grace evidenced through weaknesses:** Had a tendency to try to \_\_\_\_\_ God out in the \_\_\_\_\_ of His promises, bringing about great consequences that would exceed his lifetime.

*“So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife.”*  
**Genesis 16:3**

**Portraits of Grace: David**

**Grace evidenced through strengths:** Demonstrated an uncommon courage and commitment as a warrior king, enjoyed a unique \_\_\_\_\_ as a man after God’s own \_\_\_\_\_, and one whose reign would be established forever through Jesus the Messiah.

*“After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’”*  
**Acts 13:22**

**Grace evidenced through weaknesses:** Had a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ that would lead to a domino of events that would painfully plague the rest of his life and reign; but his life also serves as a powerful reminder that our failures are neither final, nor do they need to define us, but restoration is available for those who come to God in humility and repentance.

*“In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king’s men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.”*  
**2 Samuel 11:1**

**Remember:** When it comes to the genealogy of Christ, being \_\_\_\_\_ is not in any way a \_\_\_\_\_; for the line that leads to Christ is replete with flawed individuals whose lives serve as the timeless reminder that grace changes everything!

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine that while you may not be in the genealogical line that leads to Christ, that you stand in a long line of faith filled followers whom God is using to \_\_\_\_\_ the way for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ; and if along the way you wonder if you qualify, think of Paul’s words to the Corinthians, and thing again!

*“Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.”*  
**1 Corinthians 1:26-29**