



## Lesson Six: The Faithfulness of God Robby Higginbottom | February 20, 2024

### Matthew 1:1-17

<sup>1</sup> The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, <sup>4</sup> and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup> and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, <sup>8</sup> and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup> and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup> and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup> and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

<sup>12</sup> And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup> and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup> and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup> and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

<sup>17</sup> So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.



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## Discussion Questions:

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1. Why does Matthew begin his Gospel with a genealogy and not “Once upon a time...”?
2. Sometimes we doubt the Lord’s faithfulness when He seems to be working slowly. How does this passage encourage us in these moments?
3. Sometimes we doubt the Lord’s faithfulness when we are unfaithful or feel unworthy. How does this passage encourage us in these moments?
4. What does it mean that Jesus is the son of David and the son of Abraham? Why is this good news for us?
5. How often do we rehearse God’s “precious and very great promises” (2 Peter 1:4)? Which of the Lord’s promises are most precious to us?
6. How do we see the faithfulness of God in our own stories?
7. If we believe that God is faithful, how should that impact our lives?

**But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
His mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is Your faithfulness.**

**Lamentations 3:21-22**