



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: **Genealogies and Grace**

Speaker: **Rich Villodas, Lead Pastor**

Scripture: **Matthew 1:16; 12-17**

This is the genealogy^[a] of Jesus the Messiah^[b] 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.

¹² After the exile to Babylon:

Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,

Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

¹³ Zerubbabel the father of Abihud,

Abihud the father of Eliakim,

Eliakim the father of Azor,

¹⁴ Azor the father of Zadok,

Zadok the father of Akim,

Akim the father of Elihud,

¹⁵ Elihud 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, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Sermon Summary:

This week, Pastor Rich kicked off the season of Advent by sharing out of Jesus' own family tree, illustrating how Jesus draws close to those who are broken, sinful, and hurting.

Outline:

I. Our Genealogy

1. Illustration: Ancestry.com
2. Illustration: The Movie Coco

II. Purpose of Genealogy

1. Matthew is introducing Jesus

2. Highlight four women who didn't live upright lives.
3. Jesus' Genealogy shows us that Jesus closely identifies with those who have sinned.
4. Jesus' Genealogy also shows us that Jesus closely identifies with those who have been gravely sinned against.

III. Sexual harassment and Injustice

IV. We all have things in our lives that we are ashamed of.

V. The Kingdom of God includes people we typically exclude

VI. God's plans are bigger than your mess, and bigger than other people's mistakes.

Sermon Questions:

1. What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?
2. What is one practical step you sense God calling you to take in light of this message and/or scripture passage?
3. How did your family do confession, admitting their own mistakes? Did you grow up in a home that made it easy or difficult to admit mistakes, or share injustices done to them?
4. How is God bigger than your mistakes? What is the Lord doing in your life to show you that you are not defined by the bad decisions you have made?
5. How do you feel when you hear that God's kingdom includes people we typically don't like or exclude? How does that challenge you to be more gracious, merciful, and loving?
6. If you are comfortable sharing, can you share if you have ever been the victim of harassment or assault of any kind? How are you processing that tragedy?
7. Do you know of family shame or mistakes in your family's history? How have you managed or processed that awareness?
8. How is Jesus revealing to you his heart in this sermon? Knowing that Jesus draws close to us in our brokenness and shame, how does that encourage you?