



**Carrollton Christian
Fellowship**

Matthew 1 is all about: Understanding Jesus as the Promised King and His Family Tree

Day 1: Jesus' Genealogy – God's Promise Fulfilled

Read: Matthew 1:1-3

Focus Verse:** "This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham." — Matthew 1:1

Devotional:

Wow! Did you know that Jesus had a family tree just like you and me? In today's verses, we see that Jesus came from a long line of people, starting with Abraham and including King David. God made promises to Abraham and David that their family would bless the whole world. Jesus is the fulfillment of these promises!

Reflection Questions:

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus came from a family just like we do?
2. How does knowing that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise make you feel?

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank you for keeping your promises. Help me to trust in your plan just like Abraham and David did. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior. Amen."

Day 2: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Plans

Read: Matthew 1:5-6

Focus Verse: "Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth." — Matthew 1:5

Devotional:

Rahab and Ruth were ordinary women with extraordinary stories. Rahab was known for her courage to help God's people, and Ruth was known for her loyalty. Both women played important roles in Jesus' family tree. This shows us that God can use anyone, no matter their background or past, to accomplish His plans.

Reflection Questions:

1. How do you think Rahab and Ruth felt to be part of Jesus' family tree?
2. Can you think of a time when God used something ordinary in your life for something extraordinary?

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank you for using ordinary people in extraordinary ways. Help me to remember that you have a special plan for my life, too. Amen."

Day 3: The Birth of Jesus – Promised King

Read: Matthew 1:18-21

Focus Verse: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." — Matthew 1:21

Devotional:

The birth of Jesus is a miraculous and wonderful event! Mary was chosen to be Jesus' mother, and Joseph was chosen to be His earthly father. An angel told Joseph that Jesus would save His people from their sins. This means Jesus came to rescue us and give us new life!

Reflection Questions:

1. How do you think Joseph felt when the angel told him about Jesus?
2. What does it mean to you that Jesus came to save you from your sins?

Prayer:

"Dear Jesus, thank you for coming to save us from our sins. Help me to remember your love and sacrifice every day. Amen."

Day 4: Believe in the Impossible

Read: Matthew 1:22-23

Focus Verse: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us")." — Matthew 1:23

Devotional:

The prophecy of Jesus being born from a virgin was something that seemed impossible. But with God, nothing is impossible! Jesus being called 'Immanuel' means 'God with us'. He is always with us, guiding, loving, and protecting us.

Reflection Questions:

1. What are some things in your life that seem impossible but you believe God can help with?
2. How does knowing Jesus is 'God with us' change how you face your daily challenges?

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank you for being with us. Help me to believe that with you, all things are possible. Thank you for being 'Immanuel', God with us. Amen."

Day 5: God's Plan for You

Read: Jeremiah 29:11

Focus Verse: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Devotional:

Just as God had a plan for Jesus' life, He has a plan for yours too! He knows what is best for you and has a future filled with hope. You are part of God's big story, and He can use your life in amazing ways.

Reflection Questions:

1. What are some plans or dreams you have for your future?
2. How can you trust God with your future plans and dreams?

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank you for having a wonderful plan for my life. Help me to trust you with my dreams and future. Show me how I can be a part of your big story. Amen."

Conclusion:

Remember that Jesus is the promised King, and His family story shows us that God uses everyone in His plan. Just as God had a special plan for Jesus, He has a special plan for you too! Trust Him and watch how He does extraordinary things in your life.