



Carrollton Christian Fellowship

5-Day Devotional: Journey into Matthew 1

Day 1: The Genealogy of Transformation

Scripture: Matthew 1:1-6

Devotion:

Today, we delve into the genealogy of Jesus as documented by Matthew. Notice how Matthew introduces Jesus Christ, emphasizing His lineage from David and Abraham. As college graduates stepping into the complexities of life, recognize that your pedigree might appear muddled with imperfections, just like those in Jesus' lineage. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba—each had their unique, challenging paths, yet each played a critical role in the arrival of the Messiah.

Reflection:

1. Reflect on your journey through college. Can you identify moments when God was working through you despite your imperfections?
2. How has God used your background and experiences to shape you into who you are today?

Prayer:

Lord, help me see Your hand in my life's journey, transforming my past into a tapestry of Your grace and purpose. Allow me to use my story to reflect Your redemptive power.

Day 2: God's Promises Amidst Human Frailty

Scripture: Matthew 1:6-11

Devotion:

This portion of the genealogy lists kings, some faithful and some wayward, illustrating human frailty. As graduates facing new challenges, understand that even when we falter, God remains steadfast, fulfilling His promises. Rehoboam's folly and Asa's faithfulness both play parts in the grand narrative of God.

Reflection:

1. Identify moments in college where you felt you succeeded and where you stumbled. How did God's faithfulness manifest in those times?
2. What promises of God can you cling to as you face the uncertainties post-graduation?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for being faithful even when I am not. Help me to trust in Your promises and lean on Your understanding as I navigate this new season of life.

Day 3: Embracing Obscurity and Trusting God's Plans

Scripture: Matthew 1:12-16

Devotion:

Life can often feel like a series of obscure and mundane moments. For Zerubbabel, his faithfulness during a time of obscurity prepared the way for God's larger plan. As you step out into your fledgling career and new responsibilities, trust that God is using even these "obscure" moments for His glory.

Reflection:

1. Reflect on times during college where you felt unnoticed or undervalued. How might God have been working through those times?
2. How can you cultivate faithfulness in the small things in your current stage of life?

Prayer:

Lord, in moments of obscurity, remind me of Your goodness and purpose. Teach me to be faithful in the small things, knowing You weave every moment into Your grand design.

Day 4: The Virgin Birth: A New Beginning

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-21, John 3:3-7

Devotion:

The virgin birth is a profound miracle representing new beginnings and the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit. Graduation marks a significant new beginning for you. Allow the

Holy Spirit to birth new hopes, dreams, and directions in you, just as He did with Jesus' miraculous arrival.

Reflection:

1. What new beginnings are you facing, and how can you invite the Holy Spirit into these areas?
2. Reflect on John 3:3-7. How does understanding "new birth" through the Holy Spirit reshape your outlook on life post-graduation?

Prayer:

Holy Spirit, create in me a new heart and renew my spirit. Guide me into the new beginnings You have prepared for me, and give me the courage to follow Your lead.

Day 5: Living Out a Just and Faithful Life

Scripture: Matthew 1:19-21, Numbers 6:24-26

Devotion:

Joseph's response to Mary's pregnancy was marked by justice, faith, and humility. As you step into new roles, relationships, and responsibilities, strive to live a life marked by these same qualities. Allow God's blessing to guide and empower you, just as the famous blessing of Numbers 6 invites.

Reflection:

1. In what areas of your life can you develop more justice, faith, and humility?

2. Consider how the blessing from Numbers 6 can be a guiding prayer as you move into your future.

Prayer:

Lord, help me to live justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. Let Your face shine upon me and give me peace as I step into the future You have for me. Guide me with Your wisdom and grace.

Congratulations on your growth through your time at university! May this devotional inspire you to transition into the next chapter of your life with hope, purpose, and divine guidance.