

Matthew 1:1-16 (NIV)

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FROM THIS GENEALOGY WE LEARN THAT...

1. JESUS IS WHO HE CLAIMED TO BE.

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah...

Matthew 1:1 (NIV)

Brothers and sisters, 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.

1 Corinthians 1:26-27 (NIV)

2. JESUS KNOWS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A CRAZY FAMILY.

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting their net into a lake, for they were fishermen. Come, follow me, Jesus said, and I will send you out to fish for people. At once, they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours' is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever, amen.

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

The first step towards real forgiveness is this....

- Recognize we have been forgiven.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

- Recognize not only the pain of your past, but also the pain of their past.

"Be careful not to judge someone else's story when you've only read a couple of chapters." - Dana Martin

- Recognize that forgiveness is a commitment.
- Recognize that forgiveness breaks the cycle.

3. JESUS KNOWS WHAT IT TAKES FOR THINGS TO CHANGE.

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:35 (NIV)

He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them saying, "This is my body, broken for you."

Luke 22:19 (NIV)

But you, Bethlehem... though you are small among the clans of Judah, Out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, Whose origins are from old, from ancient times.

Micah 5:2 (NIV)