

The Story Behind the Story Matthew 1:1-25

Introduction

This genealogy is important because _____ tell a _____.

The Story: A Lineage of Sinners

- Verse 3 ... _____
- Verse 5 ... _____
- Verse 5 ... _____
- Verse 6 ... _____

The point: God specializes in using imperfect _____ to accomplish his perfect _____.

The Timing: Through Good Times and Bad Times

- Fourteen generations from Abraham to David—the promise of a Messiah prevails in the _____ times.
- Fourteen generations from David to the deportation to Babylon—the promise of a Messiah prevails in the _____ times.
- Fourteen generations from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ—through centuries of _____, the promise of a Messiah prevails.

The point: To show us that even when God seems silent and inactive, and things go from good to bad to worse, our God and His purposes _____.

The Point: Sin-Overcoming, Life-Altering Grace

- Jesus Christ came into the world to save _____ of sinners.
- When God saves us, He uses our everyday, ordinary, non-remarkable lives for _____.
- God's grace wasn't just mighty to save; it was mighty to _____ and empower and enable Mary and Joseph to fulfill the tasks He had assigned them.

The Applications:

- 1) See the far-reaching effects of _____ in the legacy of real people.
- 2) See the far-reaching effects of God's _____ in the lives of real people.
1 Corinthians 15:10, "By the grace of God I am what I am..."
- 3) See how committed God is to accomplishing _____ His _____ in His people.

Isaiah 46:9–11, "... I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'"