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HONOR** MOTHERS



Community Bible Church
Sermon Discussion Questions: May 14, 2023
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Title: Females of the Family Tree

Text: Matthew 1

Target: Pain is NEVER the end of our story.

Icebreaker: *What's the best Mexican food you've had in San Antonio?*

- **Tamar:** Mother of Perez & Zerah (Genesis 38)
- **Rahab:** Mother of Boaz (Joshua 2)
- **Ruth:** Mother of Obed (Ruth 1-4)
- **Bathsheba:** Mother of Solomon (2 Samuel 11)
- **Mary:** Mother of Jesus (Luke 1)

I. Jesus Rescues people with a past.

A. Same Jesus. "...He (Jesus) will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21b

B. Same Grace.

- **No amount of sin can stop the saving grace of Jesus.**

Question #1: Stephanie shared that Jesus is always at work to rescue His people.

Looking back at your own testimony, *how was God at work in your life even before you came to faith? If you came to faith at an early age, how did God make himself known to you, and what was that moment like?*

Question #2: Read Hebrews 10:14. With a single sacrifice, Jesus rescued us from sin and made us perfect in God's sight. *What attitude or emotions come to your heart in response to this truth? How does being rescued motivate your desire to persevere in the new life Christ won for you?*

II. Jesus Restores people with a past.

A. They were Changed.

B. They were Championed. *“There is therefore now no condemnation for those that are in Christ Jesus.”* Romans 8:1

- **Jesus didn’t just come TO hurting women; He came THROUGH them.**

Question #3: Jesus has the power and desire to restore people with even the most broken pasts. *How does this truth shape the way we approach broken people around us who do not know Jesus? How does it change the grace you show to people inside the church who have been rescued and restored by Jesus?*

Question #4: *Why do you think rescued and restored people return to their previous bondage? How would you counsel someone who is struggling with this?*

Takeaway:

You may have made terrible choices, but you are still **chosen**.

You may have battle scars, but you are not beyond **healing**.

You may have made a mess of your life, but you still **matter** to God.

Question #5: *Who are you burdened for this week to love and help understand the restoration they can experience through Christ? What steps can you take?*