SERMON NOTES

Sunday, December 22, 2019

"<u>White Elephant Christmas – Family Drama</u>" (Mathew 1:1-17)

Even if you love one another and would consider yourselves to be a close family, everyone has some family drama. It seems that whatever is drama is becomes amplified at Christmas. Today we learn some lessons from Jesus' family and their drama over generations.

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2. Jesus' family tree transforms a destiny.

"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14, CSB).

3. Jesus' family tree clarifies a grander purpose for us.

"Only be on your guard and diligently watch yourselves, so that you don't forget the things your eyes have seen and so that they don't slip from your mind as long as you live. Teach them to your children and your grandchildren" (Deuteronomy 4:9, CSB).

"He built altars to all the stars in the sky in both courtyards of the Lord's temple. 6 He passed his sons through the fire in Ben Hinnom Valley. He practiced witchcraft, divination, and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did a huge amount of evil in the Lord's sight, angering him" (2 Chronicles 33:5-7, CSB).

"When he was in distress, he sought the favor of the Lord his God and earnestly humbled himself before the God of his ancestors. He prayed to him, and the Lord was receptive to his prayer. He granted his request and brought him back to Jerusalem, to his kingdom. So, Manasseh came to know that the Lord is God" (2 Chronicles 33:12-13, CSB).

4. Jesus' family tree embraces eternal promise.

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1. We love because <u>God loves us</u>.

"Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love" (1 John 4:7-8, CSB).

"We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19, CSB).

2. Love is a <u>choice and a commitment</u>.

"Choose to love the Lord your God...and commit yourself to him" (Deuteronomy 30:20, NLT).

3. Love is an <u>action not just emotion</u>.

"Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth" (1 John 3:18, CSB).

"Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first" (Revelation 2:5, CSB).

4. Love is a skill.

"Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better" (1 John 4:7, LB).

5. Love is a <u>habit</u>.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them" (Luke 6:32, CSB).

"Let brotherly love continue" (Hebrews 13:1, CSB).

"Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you yourselves not recognize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless you fail the test" (2 Corinthians 13:5, CSB).

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