

## Prepare Him Room

What things crowd out the Lord Jesus from our lives? Christmas reminds us of how easy it is to allow the cares of our lives to crowd out the Savior. So many things can be obstacles to an intimate experience with Christ. Our goal is to make our hearts the dwelling place of Christ.

Matthew 1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. 3 Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram. 4 Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon. 5 Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse. 6 Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah.

### 1. God wants to express \_\_\_\_\_ – Tamar

Matthew 1:3 Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar...

- Genesis 38. She was a Canaanite who married Judah's son, Er.
- Mercy is withholding from us the wrath or punishment our sins deserve.
- Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy...
- The Christmas story is many things, but it's mainly an \_\_\_\_\_ to be a part of Christ's family tree.
- James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all.
- Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Prepare Him room – It begins by recognizing our need for mercy and responding to God's offer.

### 2. God wants to communicate \_\_\_\_\_ – Rahab

Matthew 1:5-6 Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse. 6 Jesse was the father of David the king.

Joshua 2:1 Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly from Shittim, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went and came into the house of a harlot whose name was Rahab, and lodged there.

- Grace is receiving something we don't deserve.
- One of the greatest challenges Christians face is receiving \_\_\_\_\_.
- Micah 7:19 He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.
- Psalm 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.
- What is it that causes us to struggle to make room for grace in our lives? \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 16:18 Pride *goes* before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.

- Preparing Him Room means receiving the grace offered and beware of the deception of pride.

### 3. God wants to offer \_\_\_\_\_ – Ruth

Matthew 1:5 Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth.

- Genesis 19 tells the story of how the Moabite people began.
- Naomi urged Ruth and Oprah to return to their families and their god. (Ruth 1:8)
- Ruth became the \_\_\_\_\_ of King David and a part in the lineage of the Messiah.
- Her marriage to Boaz tied into an OT practice called the Kinsman Redeemer. (Deut 25)
- Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer. He claims us as His own.
- John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- Preparing Him room means we accept our place in the redeemed with gratitude and submission.

### 4. God wants to grant \_\_\_\_\_ – Bathsheba

Matthew 1:6 Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah.

- 2 Samuel 11 – David had Uriah killed to hide his sin.
- Restoration – bringing back to a former position or condition.
- Psalm 51:1-12
- Psalm 32:1-5
- Prepare Him Room to restore your soul.

Prepare Him room...

- Receive God's mercy
- Accept God's grace
- Welcome God's Redemption
- Embrace God's Restoration