



9 Months of unfaithfulness

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Introduction

On this final Sunday of Advent, Pastor Jesse dives into the Matthew 1 genealogy and wraps up our current series with his sermon titled "9 Months of Unfaithfulness." Jesus's lineage is made of people with cringeworthy stories of sin and failure. The brokenness in our 2020 lives is not a far cry from those who make up Jesus' family tree. In light of this, God's faithfulness becomes even more precious and amazing to us.

Discussion

1. As we reflect on the past year, many of us see our own unfaithfulness revealed. What is your experience with this?
2. Pastor Jesse explains God isn't like us. He doesn't have good and bad days. God always operates in a way perfectly consistent with His character. Why is this truth about God simultaneously beautiful and difficult to understand?
3. What does the genealogy Matthew provides teach us about God, and how does it point us to Jesus?
4. Discuss as a group how the truth shared by Pastor Jesse can bring peace, comfort and conviction as we head into a Christmas week that will be different from years past.

Do Something

1. Read Matthew 1. Take time to reflect on it, and thank God His faithfulness is not dependent on the actions of people.
2. Is there someone in your life who doesn't know about the incredible love and faithfulness of God? The Christmas season is a time when people tend to be more open to hearing about God. If someone comes to your mind, invite them to join us for a Christmas Eve service either in person or online.
3. Spend time in prayer this week. Praise God for His faithfulness, love, goodness and other aspects of His character.

Resources

1. Listen to the [Seeds Family Worship Seeds of Christmas](#) album on [RightNow Media](#).
2. Watch or listen to the [Prairie Lakes Church 2017 Christmas Eve sermon](#).
3. Read [Coronavirus and Christ](#) by John Piper.