

# Bloodlines: The Genealogy of Jesus



# The Son of Abraham

MATTHEW 1:1-17, GENESIS 11:27-12:3

# God's Call Is Necessary



- ▶ Jesus was not only a descendant of David but also a descendant of Abraham.
- ▶ Adherents to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam consider themselves to be children of Abraham.
- ▶ Abram was a pagan who did not know God.
- ▶ If God had not intervened, Abram would never have known Him.
- ▶ God's call is necessary to bring each person to Him.

# God's Call Is Gracious



- ▶ There were millions of people in the world at the time that God called Abram.
- ▶ God saw that there was no one righteous, no not one.
- ▶ God did not call Abram because he was deserving; God called Abram because God's call is gracious.
- ▶ Everyone deserves God's wrath, but grace is receiving God's unmerited favor.
- ▶ God's grace comes to those who know that they do not deserve God's favor.

# God's Call Is Personal



- ▶ Each of us must personally encounter God.
- ▶ We do not become God's children because we hang around with his children.
- ▶ No one buys his or her way into God's family.
- ▶ God's call is personal, you must encounter God for yourself.

# God's Call Is Non-Negotiable

- ▶ There is no negotiating with God.
- ▶ God told Abram to go to a place He would show him.
- ▶ Many people today want to negotiate with God.
- ▶ When a person says he will follow God only if He first shows him where He will take him, then that person is not answering God's call.

# God's Call Is Missional



- ▶ Abram was to do something with the blessing God gave him.
- ▶ God did not call Abram to a life of ease, comfort, safety, or security.
- ▶ Having experienced the blessing of God in his life, Abram was to pass that blessing along to others.
- ▶ When God calls you to become a Christian, God is not calling you to a life of ease, comfort, safety, or security.
- ▶ We are to live in such a way that we are blessing others with the good news of the Gospel.

# God's Call Is Fulfilled

- ▶ Abram never saw the fulfillment of God's call in his life.
- ▶ It is in Jesus in Whom all people come to a right relationship with God.
- ▶ Even Abram was declared justified before God by faith in Him.
- ▶ God's call to Abram was fulfilled in Christ.

# Conclusion



- ▶ Since Jesus is "*the son of Abraham,*" He calls us to Himself to bless us and to be a blessing to others.
- ▶ When God calls you to Himself in salvation, you are incredibly blessed, but that blessing is to be passed on to others.
- ▶ Become active in some ministry so that you can be a blessing to others.