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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### What we learn about God from Matthew

Matthew 1:1-18

- I. God included all kinds of people in the family line of Jesus through Joseph (Matthew 1:1-18).
  - Heroes and villains, moral and immoral (Abraham, David, Judah, Manasseh)
  - Good families and seriously dysfunctional
  - Women (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba) and men
  - Jew and Gentile
  - The godly who faltered and the evil who repented (Asa, Hezekiah, Manasseh)
- II. God teaches us lessons from Jesus' family line.

- A. God uses all kinds of people from all kinds of backgrounds.
    - Race, gender, and family history don't matter; God looks at the present state of our heart.
    - God uses our unique backgrounds in his plans.
  - B. God's place of priority in our life affects all our descendants.
    - Our choices today become family traits tomorrow.
    - We can either be an example to follow or an example to overcome.
  - C. Jesus came to save all kinds of people.
    - God's grace is available to all.
    - God never condones sin, will probably discipline sin; but never hesitates to forgive sin.