

LINEAGE

Why Am I Here?

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We all have a story.

Genesis 5:1-5—*This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created. When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.*

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Jeremiah 29:11—*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Acts 13:36—*Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he died...*

Genesis 50:20—*You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*

Daniel 6:10—*Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.*

Joshua 24:15—*...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*

Esther 4:16—*...I will go to the king... And if I perish, I perish.*

4 LESSONS LEARNED FROM GENEALOGIES

- > You don't get to choose how you start, but you do get to choose how you finish.
- > Past "pain" does not have to result in present and future "failure."

James 1:2-4—*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

- > Our lineage does not equal our legacy.
- > God wants to redeem your past, strengthen your present, and bless your future.

Psalm 1 (Rob's Version)—*Blessed is the person whose faith is in God. Who is careful to daily walk out his faith in God. Whose passion and purpose is to fulfill the Will of God. Who continuously reflects on the things of God. He will be fruitful and blessed by God.*

REALIZE YOUR POTENTIAL

1. Live up to God's ideal for your life.

Luke 12:48 (NKJV)—*...For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required...*

2. Don't hide your talents, invest them.

Matthew 25:14ff—The Parable of the Talents

3. Find clarity and live with conviction.

Acts 20:24—*However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.*

4. Write out your “lineage affirmation statement” and live it.

5. Be a G.O.A.T.

Philippians 3:13-14—*Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.

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