

Inbreaking at Christmas Pt 4

Roots-Advent and the family story of Jesus

Introduction: We are in the Advent season, 4th week -Adventus – Latin for “Coming”

Notable person (Jesus) Notable place (perfect time in history) Notable event (Kingdom is here)

Opening trajectory: Advent always shows up every year with a reminder of family (good bad or indifferent). We repeat traditions, tell stories, celebrate memories, mourn losses, share meals, exchange presents and create new history with next gen.

Title – We all have **Roots that explain our family story –**

Is 11:1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

Illustration: Genogram – A genogram is a graphical representation of a family tree that includes detailed information about relationships, patterns, and significant life events across generations. - It goes beyond a traditional family tree by documenting emotional connections, medical histories, behavioral patterns, and roles within the family.

The reality is that we all come from someone, somewhere and something- a people- a place and a story! Do you know your history? Do you know your family story?

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Addams family – Simpsons – Brady bunch – Corleone – Weasleys – Ingalls – Rockefellers *Does not matter where you came from*

You don't have to have the perfect family to have the perfect Christmas – we just need Jesus in it to make us whole.



Read Matthew Ch. 1: 1-25 Jesus had a family story not much different than yours or mine...

We Don't Need a Perfect Family:

- The first Christmas wasn't perfect by worldly standards.
 - Jesus was born in a stable, not a palace.
 - His lineage included both saints and sinners (e.g., Tamar, slept with her father in law, Rahab, a former prostitute, and King David, who sinned but was redeemed).
- God works through our brokenness, making even the messiest situations part of His divine plan.

From the stump of Jesse-Scandal to Miracle:

- The Christmas story itself is a tale of the miraculous emerging from the scandalous:
 - A virgin giving birth.
 - A Savior born in obscurity, destined to save the world.
- This echoes the truth that God specializes in transforming shame into glory and hopelessness into joy.

Jesus Makes Us Perfectly Whole:

- True perfection isn't about having everything in order; it's about being made complete in Christ.

Colossians 2:10: “And in Christ you have been brought to fullness.”

- Jesus fills the gaps in our lives, healing broken relationships and restoring our hearts.