



Restored

Broken

but not

Worthless

# Bible Passage

## Matthew 1:1-16

### The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah

- 1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:
- 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
- 3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was **Tamar**, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,
- 4 Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,
- 5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was **Rahab**, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was **Ruth**, Obed the father of Jesse,
- 6 and Jesse the father of King David.



- David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been **Uriah's wife**,
- 7 Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa,
- 8 Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah,
- 9 Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,
- 10 Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah,
- 11 and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

- 12 After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
- 13 Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor,
- 14 Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud,
- 15 Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob,
- 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of **Mary, and Mary** was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.



# Tamar

## Bible Passage - Genesis 38

### Part 1

Judah's daughter in law.  
Married to a wicked man.  
Widowed.

- ▶ Have you ever heard any of the stories of women in the Bible?
- ▶ What do you think of Tamar so far?
- ▶ Has anyone ever been treated badly by someone else? Relationship? Friendship? Marriage?

### Notes



## Part 2

Married to a wicked man.

Used by second brother and has been left with nothing a second time around.

Widowed twice with no children.

- ▶ What do you think life was like for Tamar in all of this?
- ▶ How would she have felt?
- ▶ Have you ever related to what Tamar is feeling?

## Notes



## Part 3

Tamar waited a long time.

She had no security.

Tamar disguised herself as a prostitute.

Judah didn't know it was Tamar.

Judah gave his seal and staff to confirm payment (his ID).

When he went to pay, no one was there.

“About three months later Judah was told, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar is guilty of prostitution, and as a result she is now pregnant.”

Judah said, “Bring her out and have her burned to death!”.”

**Genesis 38:24**



- ▶ What do you think of Tamar's actions?
- ▶ From what we have heard in the story, do you think Judah can ever change?
- ▶ Do you think this is the end of her story?

## Notes



## Part 4

Tamar says that she is pregnant by the person who owns this seal and staff (Judah's ID).

“Judah recognized them and said,  
“She is more righteous than I, since I  
wouldn't give her to my son Shelah.”  
And he did not sleep with her again.”

**Genesis 38:26**

Her future was secure.

- How do you think Tamar affected Judah?
- Have you ever seen someone change?
- What does security look like in your life?

## Notes



## What happened next?



Judah

- Changed man
- Sacrifices himself for his brother



Tamar

- Survives
- Has twin boys
- God saw her worth the whole time

Tamar's life and family were very broken. Some parts of her life are very shocking to us. The evil in her husbands, the way she is treated and also her choice of actions as well.

Despite all this brokenness, Tamar is one of the few women included in Jesus' family tree.



## Summary

God didn't view her as worthless. She's one of the few women mentioned in Jesus' family tree.

## Notes



# Rahab

## Bible Passage - Joshua 2 and 6

### Part 1

Lived in the city of Jericho. Dark things happened there.

Rahab was a prostitute.

Israelite spies arrived at Rahab's house.

- ▶ What do you think of Rahab so far?
- ▶ How do you think people would have seen her?
- ▶ Have you ever been judged by something from your past? Good or bad?
- ▶ Has anyone ever judged you?

### Notes





## Part 2

The two spies stayed at Rahab's house.  
The King of Jericho finds out.

“But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.” (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.) So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.”

**Joshua 2:4-7**

- ▶ Has your view of Rahab changed?
- ▶ Why do you think she would do this? (Hide spies despite possible punishment?)

## Notes



## Part 3

Spies are hidden on Rahab's roof.

Rahab knows about God.

"...for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death."

"Our lives for your lives!" the men assured her. "If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land."

**Joshua 2:11b-14**

Rahab's house was inside the city wall.

She helped the spies escape.

Spies promised her and her family would be spared if she put a red cord in her window.



- ▶ What do you make of the story and Rahab's actions?
- ▶ What do you think God's view of Rahab was?
- ▶ Does God care about your past?

## Notes



## Part 4

Israelites take over city of Jericho.

“Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the prostitute’s house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her.” So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brothers and sisters and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel...

But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day.”

**Joshua 6:22-23, 25.**

- ▶ Why do you think Rahab was saved?
- ▶ Looking at our own lives and brokenness, do you think God would save us?

## Notes



## Part 5

### What happened next?

Hundreds of years later, Rahab was still remembered for her act of faith in God.

#### Hebrew 11:31

<sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

#### James 2:25

<sup>25</sup> In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? <sup>26</sup> As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

From a prostitute in a wicked land to an ancestor of Jesus.

- ▶ What do you think that says about the way God sees us?
- ▶ Have you ever struggled with being defined by your past?
- ▶ What would it look like if you lived like your past didn't define you?

### Notes



## Summary

God weaved her story into his plan,  
despite her wrongs and brokenness.

Rahab's past didn't define her.

Jesus came for the broken, not for  
perfect people.

## Notes

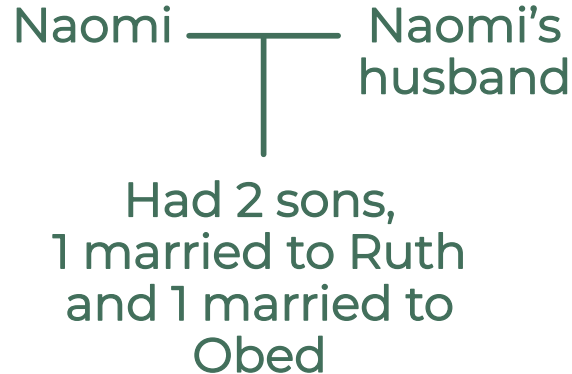


# Ruth

## Bible Passage Book of Ruth 1-4

### Who's who?

Naomi = Mother-in-law to Ruth



## Part 1

Ruth was a Moabite, widowed and without children.

Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law, was also widowed, without children.

<sup>16</sup>“But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” <sup>18</sup>When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.”

### Ruth 1:16-18

- How hard do you think making that decision was for her?
- Why do you think she did such a thing?
- If it was you, what would you have done?



## Part 2

Ruth goes with Naomi back to Bethlehem.

Naomi's relative, Boaz, owned fields in Bethlehem.

Boaz lets Ruth pick up spare crops from his fields.

<sup>10</sup> "At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found such favour in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?"

<sup>11</sup> Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

**Ruth 2:10-12**

◀ What do you think of Boaz?

## Notes



## Part 3

Naomi tells Ruth to propose to Boaz.

Ruth proposes, Boaz is honourable and checks with closest relative first.

Closest relative says no and Boaz steps up.

Ruth and Boaz get married and have a son.

God provided for her. She was taken into God's chosen family.

- ◆ What things in your life are you surrounded by, or have been provided, that you can be thankful for?
- ◆ What things or qualities in each other, or the group, are you thankful for?

## Notes





## Summary

Ruth and Naomi redeemed and restored.

They are no longer in poverty.

They have family and security again.

Ruth is part of Jesus' family tree.

## Notes



# Bathsheba

## 2 Samuel 11 and 12, 1 Kings 1 and 2

### Part 1

Bathsheba is Uriah's wife.

King David is on the throne.

Battle happening but, David stayed at home.

“One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.”

Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.”

**2 Samuel 11:2-5.**

David tries to cover up his wrong but Uriah is an honourable man.

David puts Uriah in harms way and he dies.

David marries Bathsheba.

- ◀ What are your initial thoughts?
- ◀ How do you think Bathsheba is feeling?
- ◀ Have you ever had, or been on the end of, mixed motives?

### Notes



## Part 2

“When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man!”

**2 Samuel 12:1b-7a.**

God disapproved of David’s actions and David is truly sorry.

Sadly, the consequences still stood.

- ▶ Do you think there is hope for Bathsheba?
- ▶ How do you think God sees the situation?
- ▶ Have you ever felt similar emotions to what you think Bathsheba is feeling?

## Notes



## Part 3

Several years later and David is about to die.

David's eldest son acts like he is going to become King.

David reminded of promise that Bathsheb's son would become King.

His name was Solomon.

- ▶ How do you think Bathsheba felt? Do you think she still had pain? Scars? Hurt?
- ▶ What do you think of God looking at this story?
- ▶ Do you think God can restore you?

## Notes



## Summary

Bathsheba's story is complex: pain, loss and mixed motives.

Her son, Solomon becomes King and she is a big part of this happening.

She's honoured with a place in Jesus' family tree.

## Notes



# Mary

## Luke 1

### Part 1

Mary is in the second half of the Bible, the New Testament.

Engaged to Joseph.

Angel sent with a message to Mary.



29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail."

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

### Luke 1: 29-38

- ▶ How do you think Mary felt?
- ▶ Why do you think she agreed to carry the Son of God?

## Part 2

Joseph plans to divorce but God tells him, through a dream, Mary was telling the truth.

Mary gives birth to Jesus.

King Herod feels under threat.

Mary and family had to run from danger.

- Do you think Mary ever wondered what was going to happen? What the little baby's purpose was?
- Have you ever been in a hard situation but have seen or felt hope in it? (Whether that is something that someone has said or something that happened)

## Notes



## Part 3

Witness to her son's trials.

Her hope in Jesus.

Jesus died on the cross, that is what is celebrated at Easter. Mary was there at the crucifixion. The baby she knew was the Son of God and whom she had raised, fled for, followed and believed was now dying in front of her eyes.

- ▼ What was going through Mary's mind at the time?
- ▼ Do you think there is hope in her story?

## Notes





## Part 4

### What happened next?

Jesus died and rose again.

Jesus was here to be more than just a son.

Jesus is Mary's future hope and can be our future hope too.

Jesus is the light of the world.

### Reflect

- ▶ Have the stories we have looked at impacted you in any way?
- ▶ Has your view of God changed in any way?
- ▶ Has your view of yourself, or your future, changed in any way?

### Notes

