

# CARMEL MONTHLY

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### 5 Reasons You Should Read the Bible's Genealogies

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1. Biblical genealogies show that God is working in history. Given the fallenness of the world, it is sometimes tempting to believe that the world is out of control. Yet, Jesus' genealogy reveals that God was always at work, sometimes through otherwise unknown people, to bring about the birth of Jesus in an unremarkable small town in Palestine. The fact that we often cannot detect God's hand never means that He is not at work.

2. Biblical genealogies show that God can use imperfect people for His purposes. Christ's lineage names five women—Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary—all of whom were involved in sexual scandals for different reasons. Furthermore, in Jesus' genealogy we read the names of evil kings whom God used, including Amon and Manasseh. God is pleased to use imperfect people, for it highlights His glory.

3. Biblical genealogies show God's grace. The fact that God uses imperfect people to accomplish His purposes reminds us that not only are God's purposes not contingent upon mankind, but also God's grace extends to mankind. Just as God was patient with and forgave imperfect people in the past, so is God longsuffering toward us and full of grace. Note, too, that the Gentiles in Jesus' lineage hint at the universality of the gospel.

4. Biblical genealogies show that God cares about families. Just as we care about our own families, so God cares about His family. Observe that the Bible is full of family language, such as God adopting believers, God calling His children sons and daughters, and God inviting those in relationship with Him to call Him Father. Human families are the foundation of society, and God's family is the foundation of the Kingdom of God.

5. Biblical genealogies show that God fulfills His promises. Note that the genealogies in Matt. 1:1–17 and Luke 3:23–28 differ, for Matthew begins with Abraham and follows Joseph's line through one of David's sons, while Luke starts with Adam and follows Mary's line through another of David's sons. Yet, both genealogical lists show that Jesus was the fulfillment of promises God made to David in 2 Samuel 7:1–17.

### February National Holidays

- 1st – National Freedom Day (honoring the signing of the 13th Amendment)
- 2nd – Groundhog Day
- 3rd – National Carrot Cake Day
- 4th – Thank a Mail Carrier Day
- 5th – National Weatherperson's Day
- 6th – National Frozen Yogurt Day
- 7th – National Bubble Gum Day
- 9th – National Pizza Day
- 10th – National Umbrella Day
- 11th – National Make a Friend Day
- 13th – Galentine's Day (celebrating female friendships)
- 14th – Valentine's Day
- 15th – Singles Awareness Day
- 16th – National Almond Day
- 17th – Presidents' Day
- 18th – National Drink Wine Day
- 19th – National Chocolate Mint Day
- 20th – National Love Your Pet Day
- 21st – National Sticky Bun Day
- 22nd – National Margarita Day
- 23rd – National Dog Biscuit Day
- 24th – National Tortilla Chip Day
- 25th – National Clam Chowder Day
- 27th – National Strawberry Day
- 28th – National Public Sleeping Day



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 And The World.

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 for all upcoming events!

**This month, help us wish...**

- Natasha Lester....Destiny Pearson....
- Therese Elder....Ty`Avia Demus....
- Omeka Petteway....Jasmine Jeter....
- Nichole Gillison....Seretha Miller....
- Jermeka Parrish.... Lorraine Anderson....
- Brandy West and Miakka McShan, a....

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Pastor's Pick! Book of the Month!**

**A Million Little Miracles: Rediscover the God Who Is Bigger Than Big, Closer Than Close, and Gooder Than Good by Mark Batterson**

The New York Times bestselling author of Win the Day reminds us of the millions of miracles God performs every day and inspires us to live with a clearer sense of identity and purpose.

Think you've never experienced a miracle?

With all due respect, you have never not. In fact, you are one!



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