

There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays
The Stress of Family
Matthew 1:1-16

Question: How do you view your family of origin?

Main Point: The grace of God is available to all families.

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

1 John 3:1

Point One: God's grace can overcome even the most scandalous of lines.

Who said scandal? What scandal?

- Tamar- daughter-in-law of Judah, involved in an incestuous relationship with Judah.
- Rahab- prostitute who hid the spies of Israel.
- Ruth- from Moab (it was forbidden for men of Israel to marry a foreigner).
- “The wife of Uriah” which we know to be Bathsheba- David committed adultery, had Uriah killed in battle and lied about all of it.

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

Point Two: As God’s grace has been extended to you, so extend it to others.

How can I possibly get along with my family this Christmas?

Here are four helpful tips to communicate better and clarify expectations:

1. Conscious- Were you aware you had this expectation?
2. Realistic- Is this expectation reasonable?
3. Spoken- Have you clearly spoken the expectation, or do you just think, “they should know”?
4. Agreed upon- Has the other person agreed to the expectation?

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Action: Look for ways to share the greatest gift with your family this Christmas: grace!

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The Stress of Giving- Matthew 2:1-12