



Sermon Outline
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Messy Families

Matthew 1

The world is a messy place.

- * Sometimes God steps into the mess in order to rescue _____ the mess.
- * Sometimes God steps into the mess with His presence and He works _____ the mess and _____ the mess.

Reasons to be grateful for Biblical genealogies:

- 1) They remind us that God always works _____ people.
- 2) They reveal that God sometimes accomplishes His purposes through very _____ people.

The way God handles His messy family is with _____ and _____

Ephesians 1:4b-6 - In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

The way to handle your messy family is to become a _____

Re-gift _____

* **Grace in the form of: _____**

Psalm 103:13-14 - As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

* **Grace in the form of: _____**

Colossians 3:13 - Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Re-gift _____

John 13:34 - A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another

Romans 5:5 - And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

1 John 4:19 - We love because he first loved us.

* **Love means having _____**

1 John 3:17 - If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

* **Love means offering _____**

James 2:15-16 - Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

Fortunately there's room in God's family for even the _____ life.