

SERMON NOTES:



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Promise
GENESIS 49 (JOSEPH PART 5)

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1. God's promise survives brokenness

- Genesis doesn't hide the messiness of God's people.
- Human sin, injustice and broken relationships are part of the story.
- God does not call evil good, but neither does He allow brokenness to have the final word.

2. God's promise moves through unexpected people

- Jacob's blessing points towards a ruler from the line of Judah.
- Judah's line continues through Tamar's son Perez, through King David, and ultimately to Jesus.
- Jesus' family tree (see Matthew 1) includes outsiders, vulnerable women and people whose stories are marked by scandal and suffering.
- God's purposes do not depend on perfect people or perfect circumstances.

3. The family history reveals why we need a King

- Tamar's vulnerability, Rahab's less than desirable status, Ruth's background and David's abuse of power all remind us of the brokenness of the world.
- God's promise continuing through this family does not mean He approves of everything that happened.
- The messiness of the family highlights our need for a truly righteous King.

4. Jesus is the King who moves towards the overlooked

- He sees and restores the suffering woman (Matthew 9).
- He welcomes the faith of the Canaanite outsider (Matthew 15).
- He announces good news for the poor and freedom for the oppressed (Luke 4:18).
- His Kingdom is marked by mercy, truth, restoration and the righteous use of power.

God's promise continues despite human brokenness
and leads us to Jesus the righteous King.
One who moves towards the vulnerable,
welcomes outsiders and brings new life.

5. Who will people encounter through us?

When people come into our community carrying difficult stories, unfamiliar backgrounds or uncomfortable reputations, will they encounter:

- The exploitation of the powerful?
- The hypocrisy of those who condemn others while hiding their own sin?
- The fear and self-protection of people who have been hurt?

Or will they encounter Jesus?

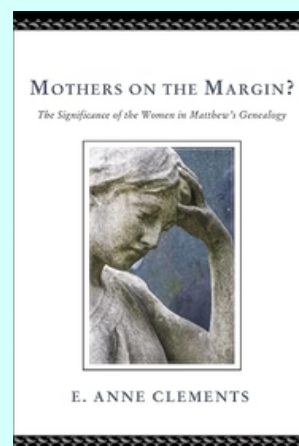
Our calling: To see the overlooked, welcome the outsider, confront the misuse of power, believe in genuine repentance, and walk with broken people towards the restoring love of God.

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Resources that Mick found helpful in the development of this message:



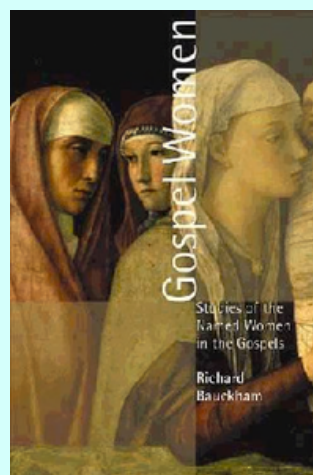
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