



## Blessing Up

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### Consider Jesus' Family Tree:

A \_\_\_\_\_ lied to save his own skin (Genesis 12:10-20).  
J \_\_\_\_\_ cheated his brother, lied to his father, and swindled his uncle (Gen 27, 29).  
J \_\_\_\_\_ tried to kill a woman for doing the very same thing he did (Gen 38).  
The stories involving T \_\_\_\_\_ and B \_\_\_\_\_ include actual or possible lust, rape, incest, adultery and murder (Genesis 38; 2 Sam 11:2-3).  
R \_\_\_\_\_ was a harlot (Josh 2:1). R \_\_\_\_\_ was a foreigner (Ruth 1:4).  
M \_\_\_\_\_ forced his children to walk through fire (2 Kings 21:6).  
A \_\_\_\_\_ rejected God (2 Kings 21:2).

### Reframing:

Through the flawed who went before, God brought B \_\_\_\_\_ and promise down to us all (Gal 3:14).

We can call "blessed" all those through whom God's G \_\_\_\_\_ has extended (Luke 1:48).

Jesus re-orientes how we think of what it means to be blessed: not lineage, but L \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 11:27-28)

God calls all blessed who will inherit the kingdom forever (Matt 25:34). And this offer is to E \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:39; 1 John 2:2; Rev 22:17).

### Notes:

Answers: Abraham; Jacob; Judah; Tamar; Bathsheba; Rahab; Ruth;  
Manasseh; Amon; Blessing; Grace; Lordship; Everyone.