



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.