

## Surviving Train Wrecks

Matthew 1:1-17

### Key to Reading Genealogies:

1. Read **intro** and **summary**. (Intro--vs. 1, Summary--vs. 17)

<sup>1</sup>A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham... <sup>17</sup>Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Christ.

2. Understand the **pattern**. (“was” “and”)

<sup>2</sup>Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob...

3. Observe the breaks in **rhythm**.

4. Research the **abnormal**.

This sermon will observe the breaks and retell the abnormal.

Jesus' Genealogy contains **seven** train wrecks.

### **TW1: Jacob was the father of Judah and his Brothers, vs. 2**

#### How to survive a train wreck as Joseph did:

- **Be faithful**, in business and in the Spirit.
- **Believe**, have faith, believe again.
- **Be alert**, watch for God's providence. (Hands busy, eyes open.)

### **TW2: Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Vs. 3**

#### Lesson from Tamar:

**Be faithful**--Keep your **word**. Keep your end of the **bargain**.

Jesus said, “*Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one*” (Matthew 5:37).

### **TW3: Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Vs. 5**

Rahab was a prostitute and a non-Jew. (Joshua 2)

*“By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient”* (Hebrews 11:31)

Lessons from Rahab: She was **Faithful**, **Believed**, and **Watched** for God to act.

### **TW4: Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Vs. 5**

Ruth, a Moabite, lost her husband, went bankrupt, but clung to mother-in-law, Naomi.

#### Lessons from Ruth:

**Be Faithful**—to Naomi, to **hard work**.

**Believed** in the God of Israel—“**Your** God will be **my** God.”

**Be alert to God's providence**—gleaned in field of **Boaz**.

**TW5:** David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, Vs. 6.  
Bathsheba was Uriah's wife (see 2 Samuel 11).

**Lesson from King David:**  
Believed again—repented, asked for forgiveness.

**TW6:** Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile, Vs. 11.  
Josiah's 3 sons reigned: Jehoahaz (3 mon), Jehoiakim (11 yr), and Mattaniah (11 yr).

**Lessons from Jeconiah and brothers:**  
Be Alert for God's providence: God keeps His promises, times change.

*"So Jehoiachin put aside his prison clothes and for the rest of his life ate regularly at the king's table"* (2 Chronicles 25:29).

**TW7:** Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ, Vs. 16

The mother of all train wrecks: whose son is He anyway?

**Message of Jesus' Genealogy in Matthew:**  
Jesus is the Son of King David and God's Anointed Messiah.

14 Generations Code:	David =	<b>Dwd</b>	<b>d-</b>	<b>4</b>
			<b>W-</b>	<b>6</b>
			<b>d-</b>	<b>4</b>
14 Generations mean Jesus is David's Son, Jesus is King.				<b>14</b>

Jesus survived His train wreck past by remembering He was God's Son.  
At age 12 He said, "I must be about My Father's business." He was God's Son.  
At His baptism God said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."  
On the cross Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

We remember we are children of God: chosen, special, and dearly loved by God.

**Memory Verse:**

*"Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Christ."* —Matthew 1:17