

Heaven meets Earth:

Son of God

Overarching point: God is faithful

Key Scripture: Luke 1:26-45 (NIV)

Key takeaway: Whatever our family history, we belong to the family of God

Introduction:

- Share an example of how God has been faithful to you during your life and before you were born.
- When we speak of the faithfulness of God, we often refer to our own experience.
- But God's faithfulness predates you. Before you existed, the faithfulness of God was already at work, and it will outlive you. Let's explore that idea today.

1. God's faithfulness predates us

- In this passage, we learn of the heritage of Jesus: God's faithfulness to Mary, Joseph and Jesus predated their time on Earth.
- Joseph and Mary were Nazarenes, from the ancestral line of King David. Nazareth had a bad reputation, and Nazarenes were despised and rejected. It was prophesied that the Messiah would be from the line of David, and that he would be despised and rejected.
- Jesus wasn't flung into human history at any old time or to any old family.
- God's faithfulness had been at work; preparing for Jesus' birth.

2. God's faithfulness lasts forever

- God's faithfulness outlives us and is not bound by time and memory.
- Psalm 100:5 says, "His faithfulness continues through all generations."
- God's faithfulness in sending Jesus to Earth as a baby would have an eternal impact. His Kingdom would never end. God's faithfulness lasts forever.

3. Beyond flesh and blood, we take our place as heirs of Christ and children of God

- We are all heirs of Christ and children of God.
- C.S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity* wrote: "The Son of God became a man to enable men [and women] to become sons [and daughters] of God."
- Whatever our family history, we belong to the family of God.

Conclusion

- It does not matter where you've come from. Jesus made a way for you to be reconciled with the Father.
- Invite listeners to accept Christ as Saviour or recommit their lives to God.



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