

# UNEXPECTED HOPE

FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

AT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

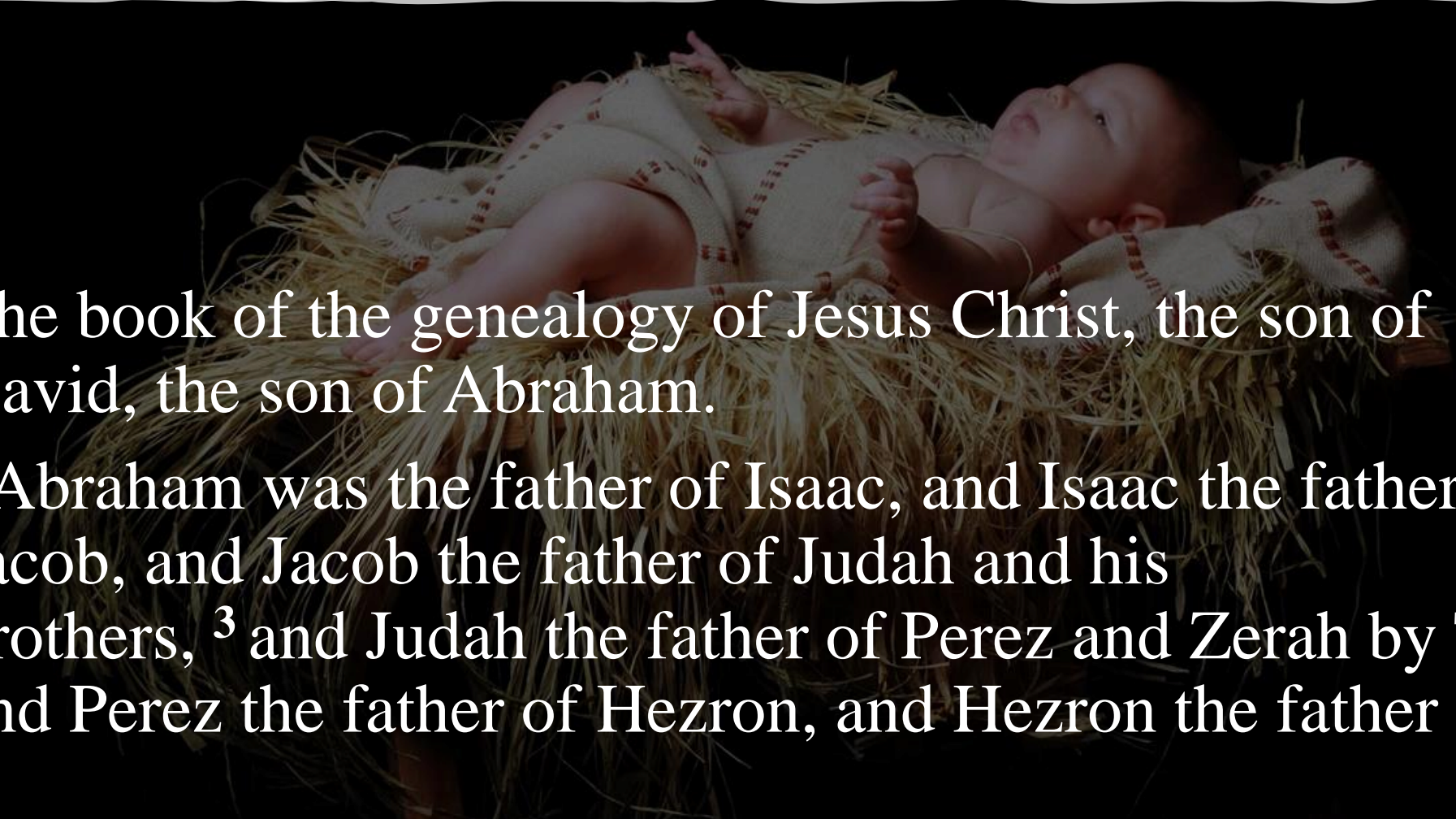


God With Us: The Reason for Our Hope.

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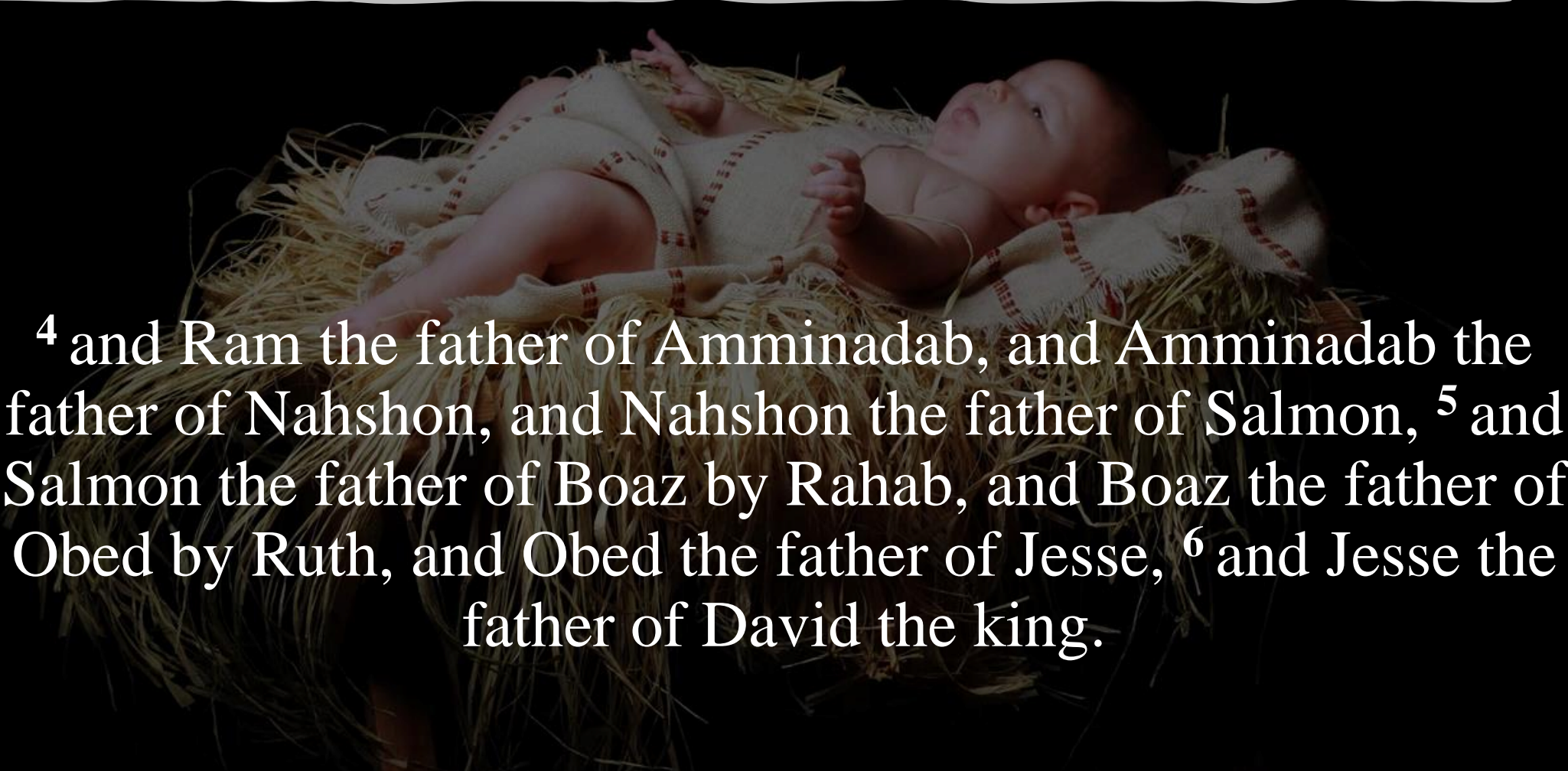
The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram,

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<sup>4</sup> and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of David the king.

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And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup> and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, <sup>8</sup> and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup> and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup> and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup> and Josiah the father of Jechoniah & his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

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<sup>12</sup> And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup> and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup> and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup> and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

# I. The Incarnation of Jesus the Son of God Gives us Hope.

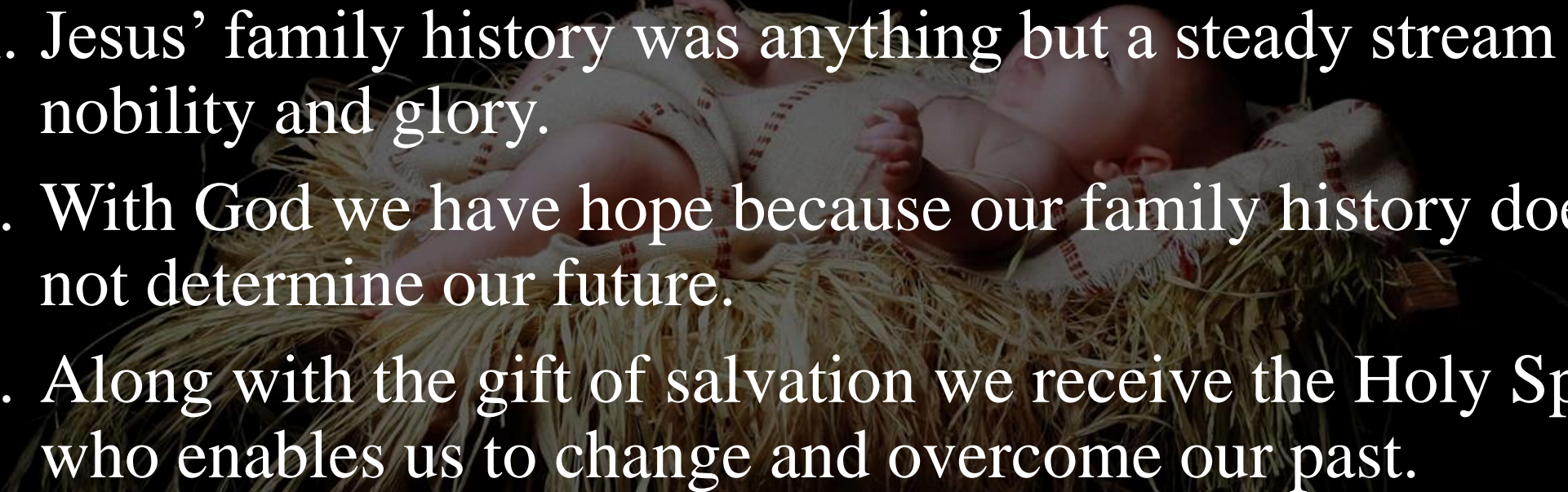
- A. Immanuel means God with Us (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23).
- B. Jesus can relate to us because He became one of us with a nature like ours.

Hebrews 4:14-16 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy & find grace to help in time of need.



## II. The Incarnation of Jesus into an Imperfect Family Gives Us Hope. Matthew 1:1-17.

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- A photograph of a baby lying in a manger, representing the infant Jesus. The baby is wrapped in a white cloth with red patterns and is lying on a bed of straw. The background is dark, making the baby and the straw stand out.
- A. Jesus' family history was anything but a steady stream of nobility and glory.
  - B. With God we have hope because our family history does not determine our future.
  - C. Along with the gift of salvation we receive the Holy Spirit who enables us to change and overcome our past.



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Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Phil. 1:6b he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Phil 2:13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.



### III. The Incarnation of Jesus Appeared to be Impossible & that too Gives Us Hope. Matthew 1:11.

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and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

- A. When the Jews were exiled, the hope that those promises would be fulfilled seemed like a joke.
- B. When the Jews were permitted to return to Jerusalem in 546 B.C., there was hope once again that God could fulfill His promises.

## IV. The Incarnation of Jesus at an Inconvenient Time in History Gives us Hope. Matthew 1:1-17.

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- A. Jesus was born at a time when the Jewish people were under Roman rule (Luke 2:1-20).
- B. God's plans are not dictated by circumstances.
- C. God seems to like to do His best work when things are at their worst.

