

Matthew 1: 1-17:

a surprising family

**Slides from Mike Hood's sermon at the morning
service, Sunday 8th December 2024**

3 tips for genealogies:

- 1) 'Father of' can mean 'forefather of'
- 2) Numbers are often symbolic
- 3) Genealogies are a way to describe someone's identity

Who is Jesus?

**The promised King who will
bring his family home.**

3 big promises:

- **Abraham:**

family, good home, blessing to all nations

- **David:**

a King over a secure kingdom forever

- **Exile:**

forgiveness, return home, transformation

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The year of Jubilee – Leviticus 25

- Forgiveness of debts
- Release from slavery
- Return home

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Who is welcome in Jesus' family?

Rahab and Ruth:

outsiders included on the basis of faith

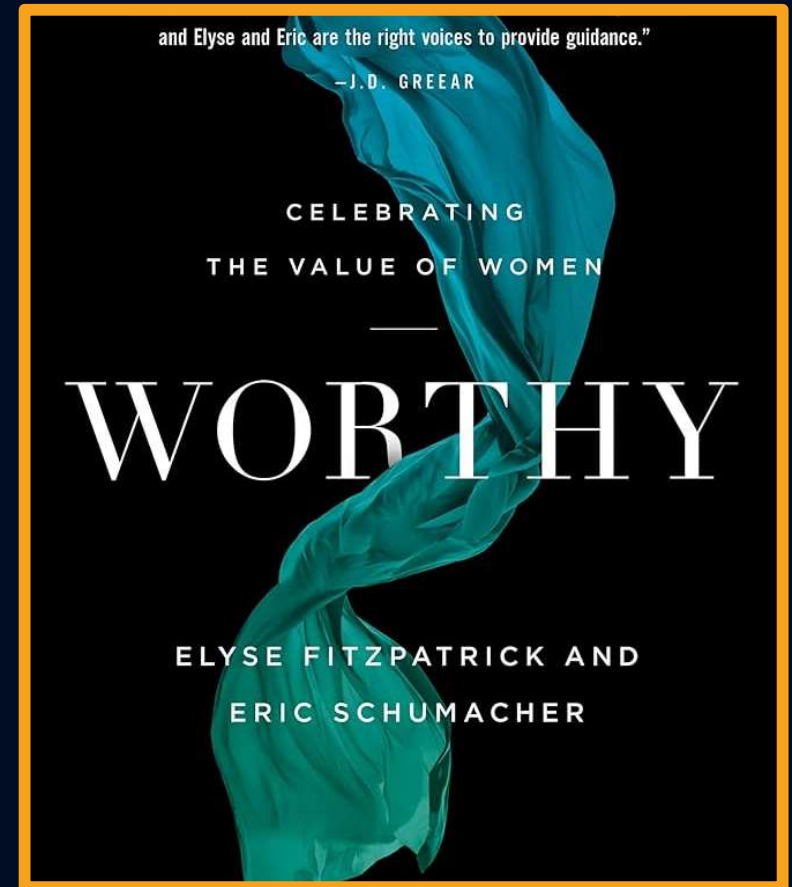
Tamar and Bathsheba:

wronged and shamed, but honoured by God

“God works through women such as these.

Mistreated, wrongly accused, shamed. Stigmatized, bearing a reputation for wrongdoing, and unclean. Barren and bereaved, unwanted and abused.”

Elyse Fitzpatrick &
Eric Schumacher



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“Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.”

Hebrews 2:11

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