

**Lessons From a List**  
**Genesis 5**  
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**Intro:** There is a saying, “You can choose your friends, but you can’t choose your family.” If you are with your family look to your right and your left and consider would you chose that person or... Three weeks ago we looked at legacy, and saw the difference in a Godly family and an ungodly family.

**Interog:** Most people see genealogies as dry, boring and hard to pronounce, but when studied closely they can produce some valuable lessons. Consider if you will that your dry, boring, or hard place in life is a tool of God to show you something?

**Background:** The family of Adam – Adam, Seth, Enosh, Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, three sons Shem, Ham, Japheth.

**Read Scripture Genesis 5:21-32**

**1. Lesson one: God cares about people**

Comparing Genesis 4 and five there are two different genealogies, an ungodly one and a Godly one.

Gen 4 – 6 Generations and three sons

Gen 5 – 9 Generations and three sons

How many of you if you were writing a story of your family would leave someone out?

God include the good and the bad, because we can learn from both.

**2. Lesson two: Godly individuals will persist together**

Gen 6 – The world became increasingly wicked and godless.

Despite more Godly names than ungodly, wickedness grew through out the world.

Gen 5:28-32 tell us of one faithful family, later we will learn that just nine survive the flood.

I Kings 18 – 19 Elijah is faithful against 400 prophets, he escapes Jezebel – he wants to die

God comforts him by telling him of 7000 faithful in Isreal.

You are not alone, there are faithful people around you to help carry the load.

**3. Lesson three: God values family**

All of the people in Gen 5 are one family.

The author relates us back to creation in 5:1 by starting with God and Adam. We re all the descendants of Noah, in that they were the only family on the arch. But, ultimately we are all descendants of Adam, the fallen creation of God.

**4. Lesson four: God is faithful**

This genealogy ends with the faithful work of Noah.

God uses this faithful man to keep His promise of redemption through the seed of the women.

In the relational aspects of this book we see a consistent theme, man falls and fails, God is faithful.

**Conclusion:** If you are struggling these lessons are for you. God cares, keep the faith, there are people around you who are in the fight with you, God will be faithful to deliver you. Reach out to Him, He has given you all you need to have the victory.

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