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DEVOTIONS CONNECTING TEENS TO CHRIST

**Salmon (was) the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,
Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,
Obed the father of Jesse,
and Jesse the father of King David.
David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,
*Matthew 1:5-6***

A King from sinners and for sinners

Did you ever pretend to be a superhero when you were younger? Little girls pretend they are Wonder Woman, and little boys dream of being Superman, Batman, or Spiderman. What person from the Bible intrigues you? Some of the better known names even those marginally familiar with Bible history might recognize include Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Peter, Paul, and more. Each of these Bible "All Stars" have exciting feats of strength and might attributed to them and play a part in God's salvation history. They also have something else in common: They were all sinful human beings.

This shouldn't surprise us. God himself tells us in Scripture, "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one" (Romans 3:10-12). This timeless truth included the Bible "All Stars." This truth includes us, as well.

That's what makes the genealogy of Jesus so amazing. That's what makes it so grace-filled. According to his human ancestry, God the Father used a family line of sinful moms and sinful dads to bring about the sinless Son of God. Jesus is a King who came from sinners in order to save sinners. What depth of love this is for us who do not deserve it! What amazing love this is that assures us of our salvation!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, the history of mankind is littered with sin and failure and shortcomings. Your earthly ancestors were no different and neither am I. Yet, despite mankind's sin, you came into this world perfect and willing to take my place and suffer the punishment my sins deserve. I praise you for your love, O Savior. I worship your holy name. Amen.