LIVE FOR *More*

STUDYING THE LIFE OF JESUS: PROPHECIES FULFILLED

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Sister, what if the life the world calls “normal” is actually less than what God has for you?

A LETTER FROM YOUR SISTERS

The world tells us to chase success, seek comfort, protect our peace at all costs, and build a life that looks good from the outside. It tells us that more money, more recognition, more freedom, and more control will finally leave us feeling fulfilled. But what happens when we get everything the world promises and still find ourselves longing for something more?

The truth is, what the world offers will never compare to what Jesus gives. We were not created to settle for temporary satisfaction when God invites us into an eternal purpose. We were not created to live by the world's standards when we have been given the truth of His Word. And we were not created to build our lives around what feels easy when Jesus calls us to a life of faith, obedience, and surrender.

In Matthew 1 and 2, we begin to see just how different God's ways are from the world's. Jesus, the promised King, entered the world through humble circumstances. His genealogy included people with complicated stories, His earthly father was called to obey without knowing the full picture, and powerful leaders responded to His arrival with fear rather than worship.

The world looked for power, position, and control. God was revealing a Savior. Through fulfilled prophecies, we see that God had a greater plan all along. His promises were not dependent on perfect people or ideal circumstances. They pointed to Jesus, the One who came to rescue us from sin and offer us a life rooted in Him.

Sister, living for more than average does not mean striving to become more impressive by the world's standards. It means recognizing that the world could never offer what your soul truly needs. It means choosing the presence of God over the approval of people, obedience over comfort, truth over popular opinion, and eternal purpose over temporary fulfillment.

As we study the life of Jesus, our prayer is that you will begin to see the world's promises for what they are and the promises of God for what they truly mean. May you grow in your understanding of Jesus, learn to recognize His faithfulness, and become more courageous in following Him, even when His way looks different from the world's.

Because the goal isn't to build a life that the world considers successful. It's to live a life that reflects the One who gave everything to save us.

Week One

Unpack what it means to *be part of God's plan*.
He came to redeem you and your story.

Read Matthew 1:1–17. Write down what stands out to you.

DON'T FORGET

We encourage you to research the definitions of words that stand out to you, discover commentary from biblical scholars and seek guidance from your sisters within our Fearless Community.

Week One

Read and discuss with your community:

God begins the story of Jesus with a genealogy. At first...a long list of names might seem like something to skip over. But every name points to a story, a generation, and a God who was faithfully working toward the coming of the Messiah.

Matthew names five women in Jesus' genealogy: Tamar (Genesis 38), Rahab (Joshua 2 and 6), Ruth (Ruth 1–4), Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11–12 and 1 Kings 1), and Mary (Matthew 1:18–25).

Their stories were not all the same. Some experienced deep injustice, some were outsiders to Israel, and some lived through circumstances that others might have used to define or discredit them. Yet their names are woven into the lineage of Jesus.

- What does Jesus' genealogy reveal about God's faithfulness through generations?

- What has God taught you through the generations before you? What kind of faith do you hope to pass on to the generations after you?

- Read Psalm 100:5 and write it below:

- Read Psalm 145:4 and write it below:

Week One

Read and discuss with your community:

> ***WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:***
> Tamar experienced injustice but became part of Jesus' lineage through her son Perez. Rahab was a woman of faith who helped Israelite spies and became an ancestor of Jesus. Ruth, a loyal widow who married Boaz and became King David's great-grandmother. Bathsheba...The mother of Solomon, whose lineage led to Jesus. Mary...A faithful young woman chosen to give birth to Jesus, the promised Messiah.

Hebrew word study: Dor (דּוֹר)

Dor refers to a generation or an age. Throughout the Old Testament, Scripture speaks about God's faithfulness being remembered and declared from one generation to another.

- What do you not understand about the lineage you come from? What hurt do you need to experience healing from?

- What has God taught you through the generations before you? What kind of faith do you hope to pass on to the generations after you?

TAKE HEART

You may not understand every chapter of your family's story. You may see brokenness, hardship, or patterns you hope will change. But you can choose to let God's truth shape the legacy you build and the faith you pass on. You were creatd to live for more (than average).

God's faithfulness did not begin with your story, and it will not end with it. Matthew's genealogy reminds us that God was at work long before the birth of Jesus, carrying His promises through generations until their fulfillment.

The women named in Jesus' genealogy remind us that God sees people beyond the labels the world may place on them. God works through imperfect people, and our stories still have a place in His plan.

You are not an interruption to God's story. You are invited to know Him, walk with Him, and faithfully live out the purpose He has placed before you.

BE REAL WITH GOD

- How has God forgiven you, led you, or kept you on course, even when your circumstances felt complicated?

- What part of your story do you need to stop viewing as disqualifying and begin surrendering to God?

- Write a prayer thanking Him for His faithfulness and asking Him to help you walk confidently in His redeeming plan:

Week Two

Our Immanuel | God WITH you

Sister, this is your time:

Over the course of this next week, God wants you to reflect on how God is Immanuel... God WITH YOU. That means you never walk this alone, even when your circumstances make you feel lonely. Let's dive into what it looks like to trust God's direction...even when it doesn't make sense.

- Read Matthew 1:18–25 and write down what stands out to you.

Imagine being Joseph, preparing to marry Mary when you discover she is pregnant. Unsure of what to do, he plans to divorce her quietly until an angel reveals that the child was conceived through the Holy Spirit and will save His people from their sins. Joseph chooses obedience, taking Mary as his wife and naming the child Jesus. His story reminds us that living for more means trusting God's direction, even when we cannot see the whole picture.

- Where might God be asking you to trust Him even when you do not have the full picture?

Read Isaiah 7:14 and write it below:

Week Two

One-on-one time with God:

Hebrew Word Study: Immanuel (עִמָּנוּ אֵל)

The name Immanuel combines the Hebrew words immanu, meaning “with us,” and El, meaning “God.”

- Read Matthew 1:23 and write it below:

Remember:

Hundreds of years before Jesus' birth, Isaiah spoke of the sign of Immanuel. Matthew identifies Jesus as the fulfillment of this promise. Through Jesus, God came near to humanity in the best and most personal way.

The name Jesus comes from the Hebrew name Yeshua, related to the Hebrew root yasha(ישע), **meaning to save or deliver. Jesus' name points directly to His mission: He came to save His people from their sins.**

- What do the names Jesus and Immanuel reveal about His identity and purpose?

- How does it change your perspective to know that God did not remain far away from humanity, but came near to us through Jesus?

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

Consider the hope found in these two names:

- Jesus: He is our Savior.
- Immanuel: God is with us.

Our hope is not that we will never experience hardship. Our hope is that our Savior has come, God is with us, and we are never beyond His reach.

- How have you experienced God's presence in a difficult or uncertain season?

- Where do you need the reassurance of Immanuel today?

- Read Hebrews 13:5–6 and write down what stands out to you.

- What fears might be keeping you from obeying God? How can remembering that God is with you change the way you approach those fears?

TAKE HEART

Sister, you may not always understand what God is doing, but you can trust the character of the One who is leading you. Joseph did not receive a complete explanation of every event that would follow. He received direction for the next step, and he chose to obey.

Jesus came as Immanuel, God with us. He came into a world marked by uncertainty, brokenness, and sin. His birth was not a promise that life would suddenly become easy. It was the beginning of God's saving work through His Son.

When you feel overwhelmed by what you cannot see, remember who Jesus is. He is your Savior, and He is the fulfillment of God's promise to be with His people.

BE HONEST WITH GOD

What is one step of obedience you can take this week, even if you cannot see the entire path ahead?

Write a prayer surrendering your uncertainties to Jesus. Ask Him to help you trust His direction, recognize His presence, and obey Him with a willing heart.

Questions you have to ask God + your fearless sisterhood:

We ALL have questions. God has given us community to walk life with, and instructs us to seek wise counsel. You don't have to navigate your relationship with God alone but in community. More importantly — God wants your real, unfiltered prayers first. Write down your questions for God + your sisterhood below

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