

Dysfunctional Families of the Bible  
Matthew 1:1-16; Genesis 12:1-4  
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*A dysfunctional family is a family unit where persistent conflict, misbehavior, neglect, abuse (emotional, physical, verbal, or otherwise), or other unhealthy patterns occur regularly, preventing members—especially children—from feeling safe, supported, or able to thrive emotionally and psychologically. These dynamics often stem from issues like addiction, untreated mental illness, codependency, or poor parenting, leading family members to normalize harmful behaviors.*

God \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ people from \_\_\_\_\_ families.  
(Matthew 1:1–16)

Your \_\_\_\_\_ is not too \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus.

Family transformation always starts with \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ starts with believing God.  
(Joshua 24:2-3, Genesis 12:1-4)

You can't be what God wants you to be by \_\_\_\_\_ from a \_\_\_\_\_.

Identify, Integrate, and Imitate people who have the \_\_\_\_\_ you're  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Hebrews 13:7, Philippians 3:17, Proverbs 13:20)

Every \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ to follow Jesus  
(Joshua 24:14–15)

God doesn't just \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_; He \_\_\_\_\_ it!  
(Joel 2:25, Isaiah 61:1–4, Isaiah 61:7)

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God chooses and uses broken people from broken families.  
(*Matthew 1:1–16*)

Your Past is Not Too Shameful for Jesus.

Family transformation always starts with one generation repenting.  
Repentance starts with believing God.  
(*Joshua 24:2-3, Genesis 12:1-4*)

You can't be what God wants you to be by running from a negative example.

Identify, Integrate, and Imitate people who have the character qualities you're lacking.  
(*Hebrews 13:7, Philippians 3:17, Proverbs 13:20*)

Every generation is responsible for choosing to follow Jesus  
(*Joshua 24:14–15*)

God doesn't just erase your past; He redeems it!  
(*Joel 2:25, Isaiah 61:1–4, Isaiah 61:7*)