

**Christmas 2011**  
**The Greatest Christmas Story... Ever!**  
***Slide Notations***

The Christmas Story: This is the family tree of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham. Abraham fathered Isaac, and Isaac – Jacob, and Jacob – Judah and his brothers. And Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez sired Hezron, and Hezron – Ram, who begot Amminadab who begot Nahshon, and Nahshon had Salmon who had Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz had Obed by Ruth, and Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse had David the king. David and Bathsheba had Solomon who begat Rehoboam who begat Abijah, who begat Asa who had Jehoshaphat who begot Joram, who had Uzziah, who had Jotham, who had Ahaz, who had Hezekiah. And he begat Manasseh, who begat Amon, who begat Josiah, who begat Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brot to Babylon, Jeconiah had Shealtiel, who had Zerubbabel who had Abiud who had Eliakim who begat Azor who begat Zadok who begat Achim who begat Eliud who begat Eleazar who begat Matthan, who fathered Jacob... who begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

**Isn't that the greatest Christmas Story you ever heard? Not the most exciting or dramatic or romantic part... But the Greatest Gift to us!**

That the *life* of Christ... Does not come to, thru The perfect... The Professional... It comes thru everyday people... With everyday imperfections... everyday struggles...

That the *line* of Christ includes... The fallen, The forgotten ones, The outsiders, The “childless” and establishes... Our inheritance, Our privileges, Our connection to the famous One! Our responsibility!

That *alignment* with Christ tells... Our failures do not hinder God's purposes! Our transformation trumps our backgrounds! Though we are sons of Adam... we have now been made Sons of God!

***And names like ours in the lineage should still lead to the Living Christ!***

Be amazed at your calling and what He can do thru you! What He did then and there He wants to do here and now!