

"To dwell up above with those we know, that will be glory! To live here below with those we know, that's a different story."

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"Normal, who's normal? Not you, that's for sure! No one you've ever met, either. None of us are normal according to God's definition, and the closer we get to each other, the plainer that becomes. Yet for all our quirks, sins and jagged edges, we need each other."

"Community is more than just a word; it is one of our most fundamental requirements. So how do flawed, abnormal people such as ourselves master forces that can drive us apart and come together in the life-changing relationships God designed us for?" —John Ortberg

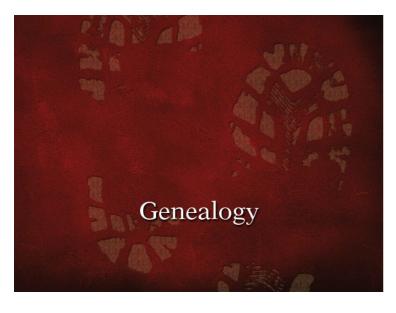
²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

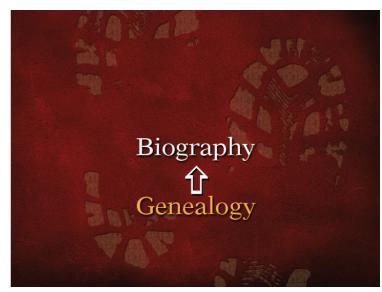
—Hebrews 11:20-22 ESV



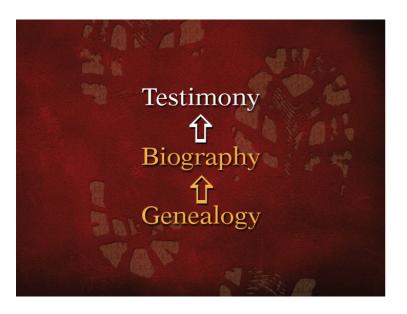
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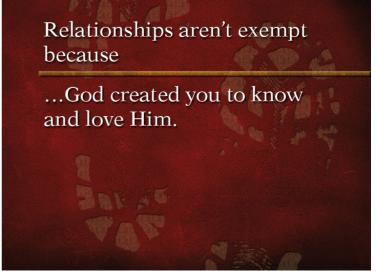
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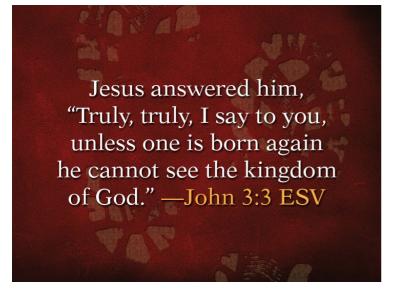
"God's aim in human history is the creation of an inclusive community of loving persons with Himself included as its primary Sustainer and Most Glorious Inhabitant."

—Dallas Willard

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

—John 3:16 ESV

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⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

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13These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

—Hebrews 11:9-10, 13 ESV

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...those you relate to influence those you will never meet.

"Every society is only twenty years away from barbarism. Twenty years is all we have to accomplish the task of civilizing the infants who are born into our midst each year." —Albert Siegel

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"The three patriarchs mentioned in Hebrews 11:20-22 illustrate the power of faith in facing death. These men had not always lived faithfully. They trusted God imperfectly, just as we do. All three men's names appear frequently and favorably in Scripture, and we are inclined to think of them as models of the life of faith...

What makes the dying faith of these men so significant is that, like Abraham, they died without seeing the fulfillment of God's promises. They passed them on to their children by faith."

—John MacArthur

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