

BREAKING THE PATTERN WITH A WALK OF FAITH

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The Search for Significance // Genesis 5:1-32

Message Context

Genesis 5 may read like a simple genealogy, but its repeated refrain tells the story of humanity after the fall: generation after generation lives, has children, and then dies. Sin has brought a pattern of death into God's good creation. Yet woven through that pattern is God's continuing promise. The line of Seth carries forward the promised seed, Enoch interrupts the rhythm by walking with God in faith, and Noah's birth points toward humanity's longing for rest from the curse. Ultimately, however, neither Enoch nor Noah can permanently defeat death. That hope is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the promised Seed who entered death, rose from the grave, and offers eternal life to everyone who trusts in Him.

CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. If your life had to be summarized in only three to six sentences, what would you want those sentences to say?
2. Who is someone you have known whose life could genuinely be described as a long, faithful "walk with God"? What stood out about them?

REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

3. **Read Genesis 5:1-32.** What stands out to you most from a fresh reading of the passage, and is there anything from the message that you want to be sure we don't miss as a group?
4. What repeated pattern do you notice throughout Genesis 5? Why do you think Moses repeatedly includes the words "and he died"?
5. Genesis 5:1-3 deliberately returns to the language of God's image and likeness. What does this passage reveal about both the continuing dignity of humanity and the effects of the fall?
6. **Read Romans 5:12-14.** How does Paul's explanation of Adam, sin, and death help us understand the pattern we see throughout Genesis 5?
7. Why is it significant that Genesis 5 traces the line of Seth rather than Cain? How does this genealogy connect back to God's promise concerning the offspring of the woman in Genesis 3:15?
8. Pastor Jeremy described the men of Genesis 5 as "promise carriers." How does this genealogy demonstrate that God's promise continues even though the people carrying it eventually die?
9. Compare Genesis 5:21-24 with Hebrews 11:5-6. What makes Enoch stand out from the pattern surrounding him?
10. According to Hebrews 11:5-6, why is faith essential to walking with God? How does biblical faith involve more than simply believing that God exists?
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13. Lamech named Noah in hope that he would bring rest and comfort from the effects of the curse. In what ways did Noah fall short of ultimately fulfilling that hope, and how does that expectation point beyond Noah? How is Jesus Christ the True and Better Noah?
14. Enoch was spared from experiencing death, but Jesus did something even greater: He entered death and conquered it. **Read Romans 5:17–18 and 1 Corinthians 15:20–22.** How is Christ the ultimate answer to the repeated pattern of “and he died” in Genesis 5?

🕒 PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)

15. If someone examined the normal rhythm of your week, what evidence would they see that you are intentionally walking with God?
16. Jeremy used the picture of a hunting dog continually abandoning one trail because another scent caught its attention. What "new scents" most often distract you from following Christ consistently?
17. Is there an area of your life where you know God's direction but have been trying to walk a different path? What would agreeing with God look like there?
18. If your earthly life ended sooner than you expected, what would you wish you had given more of your time and attention to? Is there anything that needs to change because of that answer?

Announcements

Sportsman’s Banquet: October 17th @ 4:00 pm – More information found at nvf.life/sportsman

Stew Fundraiser: October 24th @ 10:30 am – Order a Brunswick Stew here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C054EA8A92AA7F4CF8-62446766-brunswick?useFullSite=false>

Resources for Going Deeper

- **Further Bible Reading:** Hebrews 11:1–6, Romans 5:12–21, 1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 50–58, 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
- **Short Devotional on Hebrews 11** - <https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/the-faith-of-abel-and-enocho?>
- **Great Article On Genesis 5 Point to Christ:** <https://www.crossway.org/articles/resurrection-hope-is-more-prevalent-in-the-old-testament-than-it-may-first-seem/>