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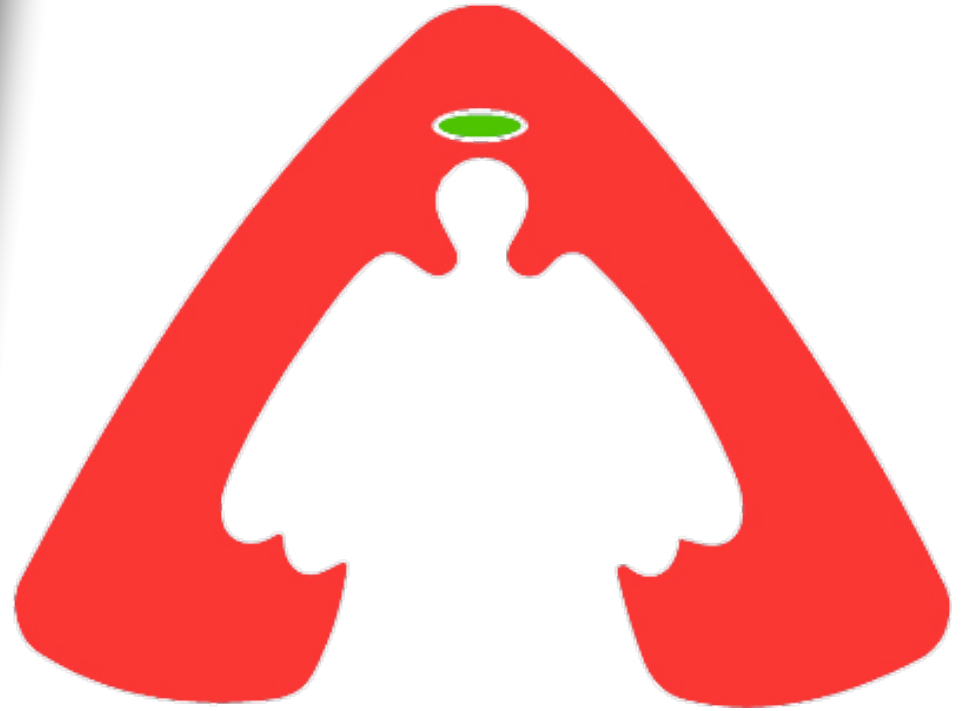
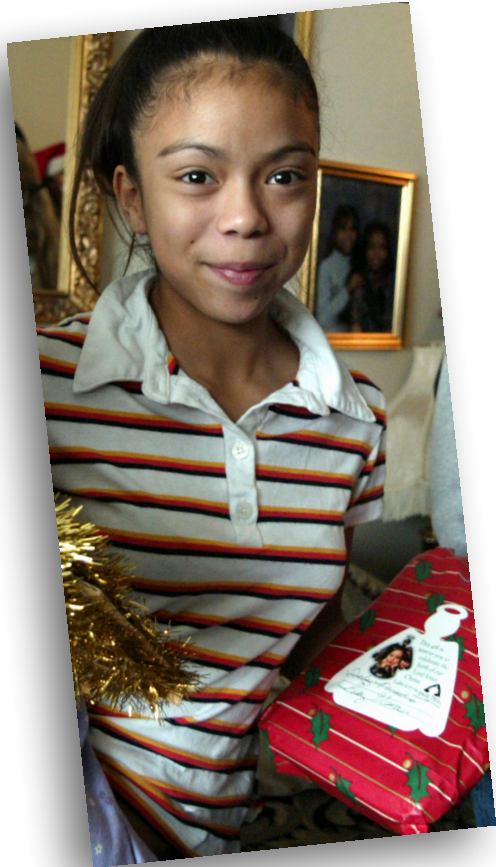
Sierra Community Church



Christmas Dinner

December 11th

6pm – 8pm



Angel Tree

Sierra's Weekly Message Action Plan



Dear Sierra Family,

In last weekend's message, "The Red Sea Crossing Pastor Dan looked at "How God does Salvation". As you go through your week, use the Message Action Plan below to help put the things you've learned into practice.

If you missed last weekend's message, [click here](#) to watch listen to it online.

Seven truths for seven days of the week.

Focus on acting on one of these truths each day this week.

#1: Remind yourself that whatever you live for in this life you will serve it.

Exodus 16:3, "In Egypt we sat around mountains of meat, and we ate all the food we wanted. Yet you have brought us into the desert to starve."

The Israelites amidst some discomfort as they crossed the Sinai Desert, seemed to forget that they were slaves in while in Egypt under a heavy yoke of persecution. They seemed willing live in and for Egypt again, but had they gone back, they would have been brutally enslaved as they had been previously. Chalk this up as falling victim to the "Grass is always greener in the other pasture" mentality.

#2 When we come to God through Jesus, it's not so we can live anyway we want, rather we're called into relationship with God on his terms.

"Let my people go, so that they may worship me." Exodus 8:1

God helps us escape from serving anything but him.

3: Whatever you are serving will control your life and enslave you whether it's a bad thing or a good thing.

When you have something that's good in your life, how do you keep from being consumed by the fear of what you'd lose if something went wrong with it?

That's why Jesus Christ says,

"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:30

Because every other yoke will crush you.

4: The second thing we learn about how God does salvation is that salvation in the Bible works completely differently, than it does in any other religion.

John 5:24, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to

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WIFE

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won't open up.

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gently pour some
lukewarm water
over it and gently
tap the edges
with a hammer

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gently pour some
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computer won't
even start now

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Matthew

1:1-17



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Unexpected Timing

-Abraham: God promises to make him a great nation and to bless the whole world through Abraham! (*Genesis 12*)

-1000 years pass until David becomes King

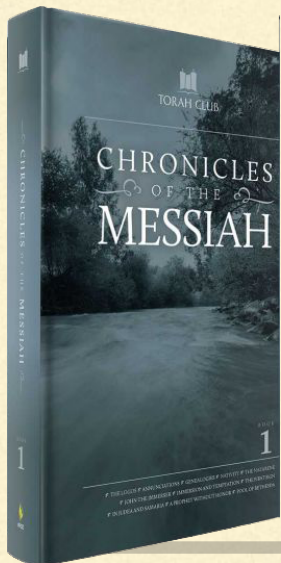
-Last King in the line of David: 586 BC

*A shoot will come up from the **stump** of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. -Isaiah 11:1*



...the prophets predicted that God would yet keep his promise to David. The prophet Isaiah, for example, predicted that, one day, the family tree of David would fall. He compared the royal dynasty of David to a tree stump. Though the Davidic dynasty was once a mighty tree possessing the throne and crown of Israel, Isaiah foresaw a time when it would be cut down to nothing but a stump, a sad memorial of the glory that had once been. The prophet promised that one day a new branch would grown up from the old stump of the Davidic Dynasty. A new king from the house of David would arise.

Chronicles of the Messiah, book 1 pg. 65



Dear Santa

Santa please give me those
three men that Patrick has and
a girl, she didn't have a hat on
but she had cloths on. Please bring
me these for Christmas. That man had
a airplane that goes up by
itself and has a spot on the
black things. That suit of batman
and robin, only I want bat man, please
Santa.

Thank you Santa

LOVE



4 yrs

Unexpected People

Tamar, the Canaanite daughter-in-law of Judah. She gained notoriety in Genesis 38 by resorting to deception, prostitution, and incest when she couldn't get a child through legitimate means.

Rahab was a Canaanite and a prostitute.

Ruth, the wife of Boaz, was a Moabite. The Moabites were among the worst enemies of Israel. Ruth would become King David's grandmother.

Bathsheba referred to as, "David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife".

Gender outsiders. Moral outsiders. Ethnic outsiders.

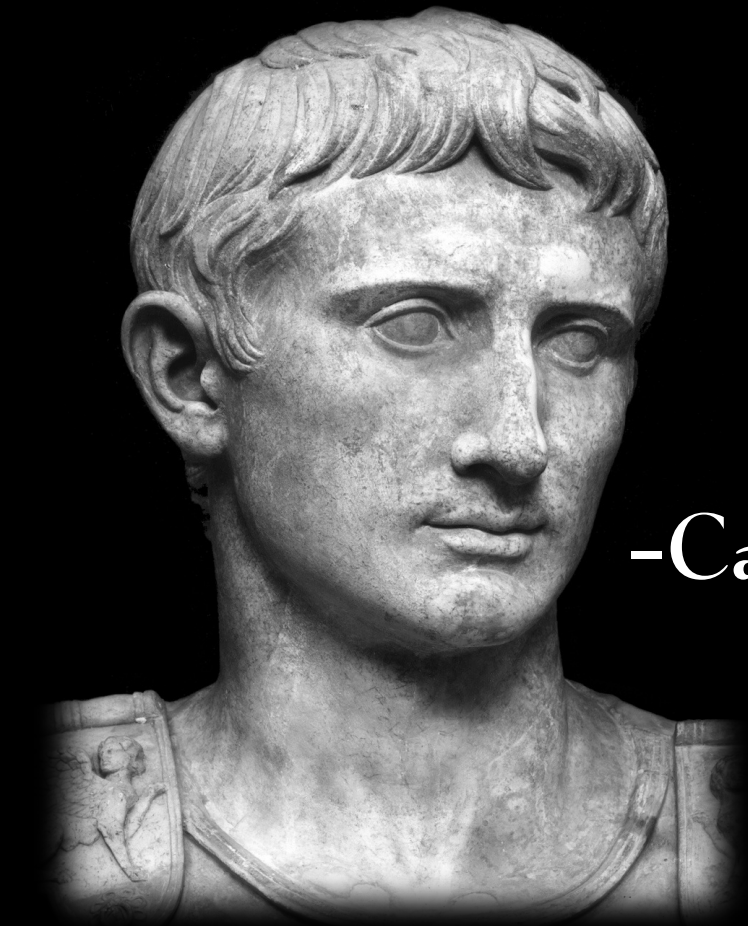


Unexpected Purpose

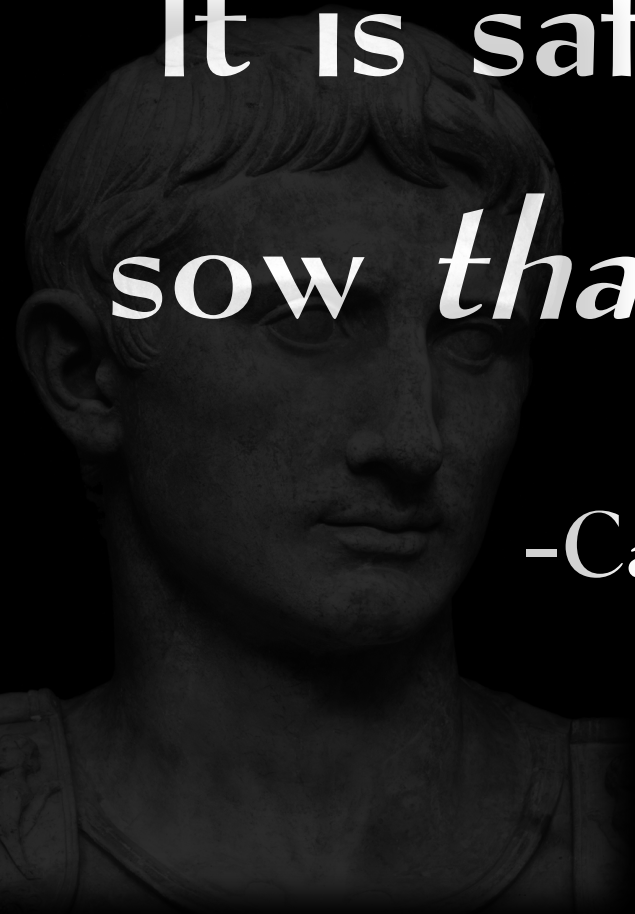
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-Caesar Augustus *friend and patron*



“It is safer to be Herod’s
son *than* his son.”

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God sent Jesus to restore His rule in this world by reigning in our lives.



Unexpected Purpose



\$217 million over 7 years
\$31 Million a year
\$9 Thousand a pitch



\$206 million over 6 years
\$34 Million a year



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