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(1 Corinthians 12:22-27) Some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary... we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen... God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts... that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other... If one part is honored, all the parts are glad. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

Mary- Unseen by others but _____ by God.

God is not impressed by the famous nor offended by the infamous. He wants _____ to be part of the story of His family.

Questions for reflection:

1. Do you tend to skip the genealogies? How do you better understand them now?
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Because of Jesus, we can be part of the **STORY OF GOD'S FAMILY.**

The genealogies show us that...

1. Jesus invites the **FAMOUS TO POINT TO** His family.

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Abraham- fulfillment of the **PROMISE.**

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