



We hope \_\_\_\_\_ faults or failures won't define our future, but we really lack the power to insure they don't.

**Scripture:** **Matthew 1:1-6 & 17**

1. The past \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't have to define our future.
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**Summary:**

The \_\_\_\_\_ (*The Tree*) allows our future to be defined by our relationship with God instead of our past! *That's worth celebrating*

**Practical:**

- A. It can remove the \_\_\_\_\_ we carry.
- B. It can remove the \_\_\_\_\_ we carry.
- C. It can \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ our future.

**Challenge:**

*Which tree will you put your hope in this Christmas?*

**Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)**

11 "...He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."

**Matthew 1:1-6 & 17 (NIV)**

1A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

2Abraham was the father of Isaac,

Isaac the father of Jacob,

Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

3Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was

**Tamar**,

Perez the father of Hezron,

Hezron the father of Ram,

4Ram the father of Amminadab,

Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

5Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was **Rahab**,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was **Ruth**,

Obed the father of Jesse,

6and Jesse the father of King David.

**David** was the father of **Solomon**, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

17Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Christ.