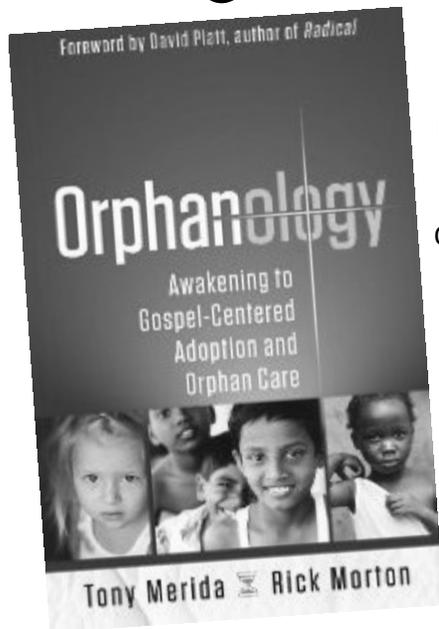


Wanna go to the next level?



Much of what Pastor Terry has shared over the past few weeks comes from the ideas presented in this book, *Orphanology* by Tony Merida and Rick Morton.

You can get a copy of this book at Family Christian stores (by Target on Miller Rd.) or online at Amazon. Digital copies are available sometimes as low as \$2.99.

Additional Resources:

Bethany Christian Services

www.bethany.org

All God's Children

www.allgodschildren.org

Hope for the Fatherless

www.centralnazarene.com



"Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their misfortune and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

[James 1:27 NET]

Was the Son of God - adopted? ... [the role of Joseph]



How can **my life** be used to "care for the fatherless"?



You can listen or share this sermon online!

Digging Deeper

[Use these readings to prepare you for worship next week!]

Monday: 11.26.2012

Prayer Focus: The Ministry of Upward

Passage: Hebrews 10:19-25

Insight: This passage today was chosen to encourage your heart and challenge you to persevere through all of life's bumps. Thanksgiving is behind us—so is black Friday ... the next major holiday is ... “the end of the world!”

In days like this, we have a hope that those who have blown off faith cannot have. You have access to the Most High and He loves being with His children!

Tuesday: 11.27.2012

Prayer Focus: The Ministry of Upward

Passage: Titus 3

Insight: I feel like this passage was written for us today. It's ancient and yet so relevant for each of us.

Take time today to consider your journey to faith (your sin and your recognition of needing mercy). How amazing is it that God would love us and adopt us into his family?! Stay committed to doing the right thing—let's be devoted to treating others the way we would want to be treated and loving others who are challenging to love.

Wednesday: 11.28.2012

Prayer Focus: The Ministry of Upward

Passage: Luke 1:26-38

Insight: This Sunday we begin our Advent series looking at games that many of us grew up playing. Holiday memories likely including sitting around a table with family playing games and laughing together. Our first game is LIFE.

This classic game allows the players to choose the direction their life will take while providing several roadblocks along the way. In our reading, Mary had made choices that helped her find favor with God and was presented with a huge challenge. What was her response?

Thursday: 11.29.2012

Prayer Focus: Our Fusion Student Ministry (7-12 grade)

Passage: Luke 1:5-25

Insight: As we continue to prepare for Sunday's service, we'll step back in our reading and look at the arrival of John the Baptist. Once again, we see his parents making choices in life that find them “upright” in the sight of God before they are thrown a curve ball.

What connection do you share with Zechariah's response to this news?

Friday: 11.30.2012

Prayer Focus: Our Children's Ministry (baby - 6th gr)

Passage: Luke 1:46-55

Insight: This great song of praise (hymn) appears to have been written spontaneously by Mary as her heart overflows with joy. Like a freestyle rap artist, Mary's spirit overflows with gladness and humility as the reality of her pregnancy reaches a new height.

This outburst of worship tells us what kind of person Mary was: knowledgeable, humble, blessed, honoring, dependent and expectant. What would your song of praise sound like? Try to spend a few minutes today writing out how you feel toward God's loving kindness.

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