

## PC SERMON OUTLINE

### Introduction:

- We all want a life that stands out from the pack, even in small ways

### The Tale of Two Genealogies

- We see the results of Cain's sin on his family in Genesis 4 – lineage was riddled with wickedness
- Introduced to a new son of Adam, Seth, whose line issued an age of “calling on the name of the Lord” (Genesis 4:26)
- Where did they find their wives?
  - Likely married their sisters
    - Pure gene pool. God permitted the marriage of close relatives for a period for the purpose of populating earth

### Genealogy of Seth

- *[Gen 5:1-8 NIV] 1 This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created. 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. 4 After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 5 Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died. 6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh. 7 After he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. 8 Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.*
- A pattern is formed: someone lives → had a son → they died
- How did these people live so long?
  - **Cleaner DNA**
  - **Healthier environment**
  - **Sin Gradually Corrupted Man**
- Pattern continues until we reach the life of Enoch who never died
- *Genesis 5:21-24 - 21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. 22 After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23 Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. 24 Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.*
  - God took him straight to heaven
- Not much material on the life of Enoch:

- Genesis 5
- Hebrews 11
- Jude
- What about the Book of Enoch?
  - Written thousands of years after Enoch's life
  - Not considered a part of Scripture by Jews, Jesus, or Apostles
  - Contains oral tradition that is quoted in Scripture (Jude)

What can we learn about Enoch in Scripture?

1. Enoch's faith pleased God

a. *Hebrews 11:5-6* 5 *By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

2. Enoch lived a righteous life in an unrighteous time

a. *Jude 14-16* - 14 *Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." 16 These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.*

- b. Enoch's message of judgement and repentance shows us the state of the culture in which he lived
- c. Enoch stood out because of his life and faith
- d. Being faithful has always been difficult, but it is worth it

3. Enoch walked with God

- a. It wasn't Enoch's accomplishments that stand out, it was that he walked with the Lord
- b. Walking with the Lord displays an increased intimacy with God
  - i. His life aligned with God
  - ii. He pursued God in everything

Application/Conclusion – We can walk with God

- This level of intimacy with God is accessible for us today. As followers of Jesus, we are sons and daughters of God with the Spirit dwelling in us.
- However, many of us are content with checking spiritual boxes rather than walking with God.
  - God wants to walk with you. He wants you to know Him.
- How do we start walking with God?

- Take daily steps of faithfulness
- Small habits over time add up to a life of intimacy with God
- What is your next step of faithfulness?

## PC SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### 1. Breaking the Mundane Monotony

**Scripture:** *“When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.”* — Genesis 5:3–5 (NIV)

- **Discussion Question:** The genealogy in Genesis 5 establishes a heavy, repetitive pattern: a person lives, has children, and then they die. The introduction notes that we all want a life that stands out from the pack in some way. When you look at the daily routines of your life, how do you handle the feeling of monotony? What does it look like to find spiritual purpose in the ordinary, repetitive seasons of life so that we don’t just fall into the pattern of merely existing?

### 2. Living Faithfully When the Culture Shifts

**Scripture:** *“Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: ‘See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.’ These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.”* — Jude 14–16 (NIV)

- **Discussion Question:** Enoch’s message shows us that he lived in a highly unrighteous culture filled with grumbling, boasting, and people following their own evil desires. It is often incredibly difficult to stand out and remain faithful when the culture around us is moving in the opposite direction. In what ways do you find it most challenging to live out your faith openly in your workplace, school, or community today? What encourages you to keep standing out when it feels exhausting?

### 3. Pleasing God Through Faith

**Scripture:** *“By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: ‘He could not be found, because God had taken him away.’ For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”* — Hebrews 11:5–6 (NIV)

- Discussion Question: Scripture explicitly connects pleasing God with having faith and earnestly seeking Him. Sometimes, we mistakenly believe we please God primarily through our flawless behavior or grand spiritual achievements. How does shifting your focus from "performing perfectly" to "seeking Him earnestly" change the way you approach your daily relationship with God? What does earnestly seeking Him look like for you on a typical Tuesday morning?

#### 4. Prioritizing Walk Over Work

Scripture: *"After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away."* — Genesis 5:22–24 (NIV)

- Discussion Question: The outline points out that it wasn't Enoch's massive worldly accomplishments that stood out, but simply that he *walked* with the Lord. In a society that aggressively praises busyness, production, and success, how do you combat the temptation to value your accomplishments over your intimacy with God? What are the warning signs in your life that your "work" for God has overtaken your "walk" with God?

#### 5. Moving Past "Box-Checking" Christianity

Scripture: *"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."* — Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

- Discussion Question: The conclusion of the sermon notes that many believers are content with simply checking off spiritual boxes (like attending church or reading a quick devotion) rather than cultivating true daily intimacy with God. Why do you think it is so easy to settle for legalistic box-checking instead of a real, vibrant relationship? How can we transition from doing things *for* God out of obligation to actually walking *with* God out of love?

#### 6. Taking the Next Small Step

Scripture: *"Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away."* — Genesis 5:24 (NIV)

- Discussion Question: The outline reminds us that walking with God starts by taking daily steps of faithfulness, because small habits over time add up to a life of deep intimacy. Looking at your schedule, habits, and current spiritual life, what is one practical, "small" step of faithfulness you can implement this week to realign your life with God? How can this small group hold you accountable and support you in that step?

## NP SERMON OUTLINE

We are continuing our series through the book of Genesis.

After Cain murders his brother and leaves the presence of God, we read:

*Genesis 4:17 Cain made love to his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch.*

Cain's family continues to grow; by the end of chapter 4, we see Cain's descendants build a whole civilization.

Humanity is expanding culturally and technologically, but spiritually it is collapsing.

Just when it seems humanity has spiraled completely out of control, we catch a glimpse of hope.

*Genesis 4:25-26 25 Adam made love to his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." 26 Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord*

While Cain's family line keeps walking away from the Lord, Seth's line begins turning back.

*Genesis 5:1-8 This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created. 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. 4 After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 5 Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died. 6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh. 7 After he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. 8 Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.*

For several generations, this is the pattern... someone lives... has kids... and then they die... nothing else is said. It's a reminder of the curse, the weight of sin, and the inevitability of death. But then the pattern shifts.

*18 When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch... 21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. 22 After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23 Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. 24 Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.*

Then Enoch enters the picture, and his life is summed up differently.

"He walked with God."

The text makes a point of saying that he walked with God for 300 years, and then God took him. He walked so closely with God that he never experienced death.

What would it take for us to live that kind of life?

1) Walking with God requires relational closeness.

When you walk with someone, it's not about how fast you move or how far you get. It's about being present with each other.

*James 4:8 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you.*

If you want to walk with God like Enoch, you have to move closer to him.

2) Walking with God means following his direction.

Enoch let God lead the way.

Walking with God means surrendering the direction of your life and letting him take the lead.

*Luke 9:23 "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."*

You cannot walk with God while continuing in a different direction.

God said through the prophet Amos,

*Amos 3:3 Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?*

Cain followed his own path, while Enoch followed God's direction.

*Jude 14-15 14 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones 15 to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."*

Enoch didn't blend into the culture around him; he was committed to living righteously, obedient to God's leadership, and willing to follow God's lead.

3) Walking with God requires faithful consistency.

We are told, "Enoch walked faithfully with God for 300 years."

It doesn't say that he was perfect; it says he was faithfully consistent.

*Hebrews 11:5-6 5 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away."<sup>[a]</sup> For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him*

Walking with God requires steady faithfulness.

The greatest legacy you can leave behind is not a life full of accomplishments; it's a life walked with God.

## NP SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### 1. Recognizing Spiritual Drift vs. Intentional Return

Scripture: *“Adam made love to his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, ‘God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.’ Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord.”* — Genesis 4:25–26 (NIV)

- Discussion Question: The outline notes that while Cain’s family line expanded culturally and technologically, it was collapsing spiritually. However, a turning point happens with Seth’s line, where people finally began to "call on the name of the Lord." In our fast-paced, technologically advanced culture, how easy is it to let your spiritual life collapse while focusing entirely on personal or professional growth? What does it practically look like for us to intentionally pause and "call on the name of the Lord" when we feel ourselves drifting?

### 2. Breaking the "Born-Live-Die" Monotony

Scripture: *“Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died... Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.”* — Genesis 5:5, 8 (NIV)

- Discussion Question: For several generations, the genealogy outlines a rigid, repetitive pattern: someone lives, has kids, and then they die—a stark reminder of the inevitability of death. It can be easy to feel caught in a similar, meaningless loop of waking up, going to work, and going to sleep. How do you find divine purpose in the ordinary, mundane rhythms of your weekly routine? How can a close relationship with God disrupt the feeling that life is just a repetitive cycle?

### 3. Cultivating Relational Closeness

Scripture: *“Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”* — James 4:8 (NIV)

- Discussion Question: The sermon emphasizes that walking with God isn't about how fast we move or how much we accomplish, but about being relationally close and present with Him. In a world full of constant noise and digital distractions, what are the biggest obstacles that keep you from drawing near to God on a daily basis? What is one practical habit you can build into your day to actively "move closer" to Him?

### 4. Surrendering Our Chosen Direction

Scripture: *“Then he said to them all: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.’”* — Luke 9:23 (NIV)

- Discussion Question: Walking with God requires agreement; as the prophet Amos asked, *“Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?”* Walking with Him means surrendering the lead and letting Him set the direction. Where in your life right now do you find it hardest

to surrender control to God (e.g., your career, your family, your future plans, or your finances)? What does it look like to practically "deny yourself" in that specific area this week?

#### 5. Standing Out in an Ungodly Culture

**Scripture:** *"Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: 'See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.'" — Jude 14–15 (NIV)*

- **Discussion Question:** Enoch lived in an incredibly ungodly society, yet he refused to blend into the surrounding culture; instead, he was committed to living righteously and speaking the truth. In what areas of your life (at work, online, or in social circles) do you feel the most intense cultural pressure to compromise your faith or stay silent? How can we, as a small group, better support and encourage one another to stand out for Christ?

#### 6. Valuing Steady Consistency Over Flawless Perfection

**Scripture:** *"By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: 'He could not be found, because God had taken him away.' For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." — Hebrews 11:5–6 (NIV)*

- **Discussion Question:** The sermon notes that Enoch wasn't highlighted for being flawless, but for being faithfully consistent for 300 years, earnestly seeking God by faith. When you experience a spiritual setback or fail to live up to your own standards, how does it affect your motivation to pursue God? How does shifting your focus from "achieving perfection" to "steady faithfulness" change the way you view your daily walk with Him?

### SARASOTA SERMON OUTLINE

Today as we continue our series on Genesis: In the Beginning, we are going to be in Genesis chapters 4 and 5.

The focus of our study today will be on the character of Enoch. Enoch was a descendant of Adam and Eve's son Seth.

Enoch, a hero of the faith, walked with God himself.

We have to start with Cain. He didn't walk with God. He murdered his brother. He was not repentant.

*Cain, and his family, walked away from God.*

Cain found his way to the land of Nod.

But then he gets married and starts a family.

*Genesis 4:17*

*17 Cain made love to his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch.*

Where did Cain's wife come from?

Cain's wife is the daughter of . . . Adam and Eve.

Well, let me offer a brief explanation of how such a thing could happen. The gene pool was pure in the beginning.

It is possible that Cain and his sister were a lot different in age and they didn't grow up together.

So Cain's son had a son and he had a son and generations of Cain's family lived and died. In the family line there were farmers, musicians, and metal workers.

They were led by violent men. A notable example of this is Lamech.

But Cain's family line was not the only family line!

*Seth, and his family walked to God.*

*Genesis 4:25*

*25 Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, for, she said, "God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him."*

Seth is born.

Next Seth has a son. And unlike Cain's family line, there is no mention of agriculture, the arts, or industry.

*Genesis 4:26*

*26 To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of the LORD.*

When Seth had a son, it didn't lead him to build a city. It led him to call upon the name of the Lord.

What does it mean to call upon the name of the Lord? It means to worship!

Being a worshiper doesn't mean you are perfect though.

*Genesis 5:3*

*3 When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.*

Adam's son, Seth, was in the likeness of Adam.

Adam was a sinner. Seth, Adam's son, *his own likeness, according to his image*, was also a sinner.

**Genesis 5:4-5**

***4 Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had other sons and daughters. 5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.***

This is the typical genealogical pattern for all of Adam's descendants through Seth, except for one— Enoch.

Did you notice that Adam lived 930 years?

Listen to the life ages in this list:

***Adam 930***

***Seth 912***

***Enosh 905***

***Kenan 910***

***Mahalalel 895***

***Jared 962***

***Methusaleh 969***

***Lamech 777***

***Noah 950***

Could people really have lived that long?

Genetics were purer. The environment was less polluted. There were also fewer natural disasters.

There is also no scientific proof that people couldn't have lived for hundreds of years during the time before the flood.

**Genesis 5:21-22**

***21 Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. 22 Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters.***

Did you notice something different about Enoch that we don't read in the other genealogical entries?

***Enoch walked with God.***

**Genesis 5:23-24**

***23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.***

After Enoch had his son Methusaleh he walked with God.

Enoch spent 300 years walking with God.

The Bible says that then he was not for God took him.

**Hebrews 11:5**

***By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found,***

*because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.*

Have you ever thought: “I just wish I could go and be with God in heaven, but I didn’t have to die?”

That’s what happened to Enoch and one other hero of the faith—Elijah. Elijah went to heaven in a fiery chariot.

Those who are alive when Christ returns won’t have to experience death.

Enoch teaches us that though sin brings death, there is victory over death. And he’s the living proof!

I want to share a second New Testament passage about Enoch in our Bibles today.

These 2 verses, in Jude, in the New Testament, include teaching about Enoch that is found in the book of 1 Enoch, which isn’t in our Bibles, but these verses are not in Genesis 5, which we read earlier today. Please know that 1 Enoch had been written by the time of Jesus and the Apostles, but it wasn’t accepted as Scripture by either Jesus or any of the Apostles.

So what do we do, as Christians today, with this quote in our Bibles that appears to be from 1 Enoch?

Well, there was evidently oral history about Enoch, at least some of which remained accurate from around 5000 BC till about 200-300 BC when 1 Enoch was written.

Jude quotes this same oral history, even though it’s also found in 1 Enoch, not because it is found in 1 Enoch, but because it was true oral history which had been passed down by the Jewish people for millennia.

*Jude 14-15*

*Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.*

Enoch preached to the generation before Noah. He warned them that judgment was coming.

When I think about Seth’s family and worship, I think about you, my church family.

And when I think about Enoch and walking with God I think about the individual lives of so many of you.

If you don’t hear anything else today, I pray that you will hear this.

*Like Enoch, walk with God.*

How do you walk with God?

Do whatever you can to feel close to God.

Enoch walked with God and he speaks to us today just like he spoke to the people of his day.

Lift up your face if you are walking with God. He will come to rescue you to take you home to live with him forever.

For those who aren't yet walking with God, it all starts with admitting that you've been wrong. Put your faith in Christ. Be baptized.

You can do that today.

## SARASOTA SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### 1. Choosing Between Building Cities and Calling on God

Scripture: *"Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord."* — Genesis 4:26 (NIV)

- Discussion Question: The sermon contrasts Cain's family, who focused on building a city and creating industry, with Seth's family, who responded to life by calling on the name of the Lord to worship Him. In our day-to-day lives, how easy is it to get so caught up in "building our own cities"—such as pursuing career success, financial security, or personal status—that we forget to focus on worship? What is one practical way we can pause during a busy week to intentionally "call on the name of the Lord"?

### 2. Accepting Our Imperfections While Pursuing God

Scripture: *"When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth."* — Genesis 5:3 (NIV)

- Discussion Question: The outline points out that because Seth was born in the image and likeness of Adam, he inherited Adam's nature as a sinner—proving that being a worshiper does not mean you are perfect. How does it comfort or challenge you to know that God desires a relationship with us even though we are imperfect, broken people? How can we avoid letting our personal failures or guilt stop us from drawing near to God?

### 3. Finding Eternal Purpose in the Rhythms of Life

Scripture: *"Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died."* — Genesis 5:5 (NIV)

- Discussion Question: For almost every descendant in Genesis 5, the genealogical pattern ends with the same heavy words: "and he died". It can be easy to look at the daily grind of our lives and feel like we are just repeating a monotonous cycle. How does keeping an eternal perspective change the way you view your daily routines, your work, or your family interactions? What helps you remember that your life has a higher purpose than just existing and passing time?

### 4. Cultivating a Daily "Walk" with God

Scripture: *"Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away."* — Genesis 5:24 (NIV)

- Discussion Question: Enoch's life is uniquely highlighted because he spent 300 years simply "walking with God". The sermon challenges us to do whatever we can to feel relationally close to Him. What does a lifestyle of "walking with God" practically look like in the 21st century? What are some habits or disciplines that have personally helped you feel the closest to God in your everyday life?

## 5. Standing for Truth in an Ungodly Culture

Scripture: *"Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: 'See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.'" — Jude 14–15 (NIV)*

- Discussion Question: Long before the flood, Enoch courageously preached a message of warning and coming judgment to a deeply defiant and ungodly generation. When you are surrounded by cultural values or peer pressures that completely contradict God's Word, how do you find the courage to stand up for your faith? How can our small group better support one another when we feel lonely or isolated in our environments?

## 6. Resting in the Victory Over Death

Scripture: *"By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: 'He could not be found, because God had taken him away.' For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God." — Hebrews 11:5 (NIV)*

- Discussion Question: Enoch serves as living proof that through a life of faith, there is ultimate victory over the curse of sin and death. How does knowing that Jesus has ultimately rescued us and will one day take us home to live with Him forever change the way you handle fear, trials, or the loss of loved ones? What is your next step in putting your faith completely in Christ today?