



Judah & Tamar - Genesis 38:1-30

1. In Genesis 38:1 we read, Judah “went down” from his brothers. Where have you drifted from community or calling, and what fruit has that produced?
2. In Genesis 38:7–10, the Lord judges Er’s wickedness and Onan’s refusal. What does this reveal about how seriously God takes our responsibility to do as He has commanded?
3. Genesis 38:11 shows Judah sending Tamar away with a promise he likely never intended to keep. Where do we hide disobedience behind polite delay—saying things like, “Let me pray about that,” when we have no real intention of doing so? What would it look like to make that right this week through honesty and obedience?
4. 38:14–19: Tamar acts shrewdly within a sinful system to seek what is owed. How do we wrestle with her method while still acknowledging God’s concern for the powerless?
5. Genesis 38:24–26 exposes Judah’s hypocrisy. Why do our sins look worse on others, and what practices help us confess first before we correct others?
6. Judah’s “She is more righteous than I” is a hinge in his life. What would an equivalent sentence of repentance sound like for you today, and to whom do you need to say it?
7. Perez’s birth (38:27–30) becomes a doorway to David and Jesus. How does this reshape your view of your past and the possibilities of grace in your story?



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