

JUDAH AND TAMAR: ANOTHER R-RATED EVENT

Genesis 38

(The Gospel According to Jacob- Part 7)

April 14, 2019

JUDAH'S BACKGROUND

JUDAH'S BLINDNESS- Genesis 38

He was blind to his _____, particularly_____.

JUDAH'S BREAKTHROUGH

APPLICATION: Breakthrough comes when I...

... Face the truth about _____

... Stop _____ & _____

... _____ myself

... _____

Fill-ins: own sins, judging others in a hypocritical way; myself; blaming; judging others; Humble; Repent

Life Group Questions for the Week of April 14, 2019

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. Why do you suppose Judah "turned aside" from his brothers (Gen. 38:1)? What might this suggest about Judah's regard for God and God's covenant with his family?
3. What prompted Tamar to take action in Gen. 38:12-14? Why does Tamar want so desperately to belong to Judah's family?

4. Judah had a problem with hypocrisy and using a double-standard.

A key to Judah being blessed and receiving God's grace was

humbling himself in Gen. 38:26.

The following verses speak of what you have in common with every

person you know or encounter. How might remembering these

verses help you be gracious and humbly serve all you encounter?

Genesis 1:27; Romans 3:23, 6:23; Romans 5:8; Galatians 6:7-10

5. What do the following verses tell us are the rewards of humility?

1 Peter 5:5-7; Proverbs 15:33

6. As we saw with Judah, breakthroughs with God often happen

when we are confronted with who we really are, are humbled and

repent (change of heart/life.) Share a time when you've seen this

happen in your life and/or someone else's life.

7. God chose Jacob's son Judah through whom the Abrahamic

blessing (Gen. 12:2,3), would descend. Matthew 1 makes it clear

that Judah's son Perez, whom he had with Tamar, becomes an

ancestor to Jesus. Why are these choices of God significant?

8. One of the biggest indicators of how much we understand God's

grace is how freely we give it to other people. What evidences do

the following Scriptures give that can be used to see if someone

- truly understands God's grace? Luke 6:27-36; John 13:34-35;

Ephesians 4:1-3