

Judah and Tamar

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Key Verses

Gn 38:1-11

1 About this time, Judah left home and moved to Adullam, where he stayed with a man named Hirah. 2 There he saw a Canaanite woman, the daughter of Shua, and he married her. When he slept with her, 3 she became pregnant and gave birth to a son, and he named the boy Er. 4 Then she became pregnant again and gave birth to another son, and she named him Onan. 5 And when she gave birth to a third son, she named him Shelah. At the time of Shelah's birth, they were living at Kezib. 6 In the course of time, Judah arranged for his firstborn son, Er, to marry a young woman named Tamar. 7 But Er was a wicked man in the Lord's sight, so the Lord took his life. 8 Then Judah said to Er's brother Onan, "Go and marry Tamar, as our law requires of the brother of a man who has died. You must produce an heir for your brother." 9 But Onan was not willing to have a child who would not be his own heir. So whenever he had intercourse with his brother's wife, he spilled the semen on the ground. This prevented her from having a child who would belong to his brother. 10 But the Lord considered it evil for Onan to deny a child to his dead brother. So the Lord took Onan's life, too. 11 Then Judah said to Tamar, his daughter-in-law, "Go back to your parents' home and remain a widow until my son Shelah is old enough to marry you." (But Judah didn't really intend to do this because he was afraid Shelah would also die, like his two brothers.) So Tamar went back to live in her father's home.

Summary of the Message

Judah was living a religious life, flirting with sin and using double standards to judge people and not looking for his own life. Eventually he was confronted by Tamar and his heart was broken by God and transformed.

Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. Could you remember a fight you had with your siblings or cousin or with a best friend?
2. How many siblings do you have? How different are they from you?

Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

3. Did someone ever make a promise to you and break it?

4. Why do you think some people are a promise breaker?

5. How could we avoid being a double standard person?

Start Sharing: Open Heart / Share Stories

6. Could you share any personal transformation that you had experienced in your life through confrontation?

7. Have you ever confronted someone? How was that?

Start Doing: Commit to Act

8. Which are the actions that I can learn from the example of Judah?

Praying

God, my Father. Forgive us for being such a double standard person and having gaps in our character and also for giving so much attention to the things of this world, for the several times we were influenced by doing wrong things. Helps us in the process of renewing the mind, may your Holy Spirit confront us and break our hearts so we allow your transformation in us.

May your name be exalted through our lives and mind and we can listen and obey to your voice and be in the path you have prepared for us.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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