

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
Faithfulness Through All Generations
Genesis 38:1-30 - "Redemption Through Brokenness"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?

2. Consider Onan's actions in verse 9 and Judah's actions in this chapter through verse 25:
How were they both putting on an appearance of righteousness, but actually acting in wickedness?
What is the result for each of them and what difference did that make in their lives moving forward?
Have you ever represented yourself as righteous before others knowing that you weren't really living righteously?
How did the Lord ultimately get your attention and draw you to sincerely trust in Him rather than yourself?
Consider Luke 8:17 and 1 Corinthians 4:4-5
How do these verses provide warnings about sin & how we ought to respond to our sin?

3. Look specifically at Judah's reaction to Tamar's immorality recorded in verse 25.
How do his actions reflect a blindness to (forgetfulness of, disregard for, etc.) his own sin?
How do Jesus' words in Matthew 7:1-5 help us to avoid falling into hypocrisy (like that of Judah in this verse).
How do Judah's actions in verse 26 provide an example for how we ought to respond to our own sin?
Consider Proverbs 28:13 and 1 John 1:5-10.
How do these verses (among others) reveal how the Lord responds when we do confess our sins & turn to Him?

4. How does God use this situation with Judah & Tamar for His own redemptive purposes? (See Jesus' genealogy for help)
How does this encourage you in your life, particularly in low moments, to see God use Judah even in this situation?

5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these encourage, convict, or challenge you, & if so, how?
Judah condemns Tamar, but he's guilty with her! - Ignoring planks in our eyes obstructs our sight!
Q: Am I guilty of the same sins that I condemn in others?
Judah responds when confronted with his sin! - When convicted of our sin, we must repent!
Q: Do I own up to it & turn away when confronted (or convicted) of my own sin?
God uses all of this for His redemptive purpose! - Human brokenness is redeemable by God!
Q: Do I really believe that God can (& will) work in & through my mess?