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- ✦ Jacob has been given the same promises as his father and grandfather
- ✦ Jacob has returned to the promised land after decades of being away
- ✦ Jacob's family has a lot of dysfunction
- ✦ Joseph has been taken away to Egypt and Jacob thinks Joseph is dead.

1. The Friendship

Genesis 38:1 — It happened at that time that Judah went down from his brothers and turned aside to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.

2. The Family

Genesis 38:2-5 — There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua. He took her...and she conceived

and bore a son...he called his name Er. She conceived again...bore a son, and she called his name Onan...again she bore a son, and she called his name Shelah. Judah was in Chezib when she bore him.

3. The Fear

Genesis 38:11 — Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son grows up" —for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father's house.

4. The Fiasco

Genesis 38:12 In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite...

5. The Failure

Genesis 38:24-26 — About three months later Judah was told, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral. Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality." And Judah said, "Bring her out, and let her be burned."

As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, "By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant." And she said, "Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff." Then Judah identified them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not know her again.

6. The Future

Genesis 38:27-30 — When the time of her labor came, there were twins in her womb... his name was called Perez. Afterward his brother came out...and his name was called Zerah.

What we see in this story...

- A. God's grace to Joseph
- B. God's grace to Tamar
- C. God's grace to Judah
- D. God's grace to Us

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