



Tamar: Unveiled

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Grace Group Discussion – Ch. 1-2

1. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up and why?
2. (From Genesis 37) What part did Judah play in this sibling rivalry story? What do you think motivated Judah to treat his brother Joseph the way he did?
3. Have you ever felt ashamed of a way you behaved that affected others? Were you fearful of being found out? What choices did you make?
4. How do you handle jealousy? conflict?
5. Read Proverbs 6:16-19. According to this passage, what does God hate?
6. Where do you turn to during struggles – yourself? To family and friends? To comfortable patterns? To God?
7. Do you feel like there are sins that run in your family?
8. Describe how the author is filling in details about (1) Tamar, (2) Judah (3) Er. Share ways that her writing is helping or not helping you when you think back to this biblical account.
9. Do you identify with Judah? Tamar? How so or not?
10. What kind of son was Er? How did this characterization by the author impact your view of Tamar? Judah? Do you think it was realistic based on the brief information we read in Genesis 38 about Er?
11. In the novel, the author portrayed Judah as grieving over the past as well as the present. She also imagined him as gripped with fear of the future. Do you find yourself ever gripped by fears? How so? Or, if not, why do you think you don't?
12. How are you feeling about the book so far? It can be challenging to separate Biblical fiction from actual Scripture, and continually remind yourself that what you are reading is fiction and did not actually happen. Did you find that challenging as well? Why?



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