

GENESIS

# ORIGIN STORY

THE ORIGIN OF THE GOSPEL SHAPED LIFE

Pastor Ben Miller | 01.25.2026 | Gen. 38:1-30

## ***Restoring Honor from Shame***

Turn to page 29 using the church Bibles.

### **SERIES VISION**

Embrace the contours of the gospel-shaped life, trusting our good and providential God in a fallen, evil world.

### **BIG IDEA**

Turn to the Lord to graciously restore honor when you experience nothing but shame.

### **Five Choices that Heap Up Shame (Judah & His Sons):**

1. Turning aside to compromise (38:1-6)

2. Turning away from responsibility (38:7-14)

3. Turning toward sensuality (38:14-19)

4. Turning outward to cover-up tactics (38:20-23)

5. Turning inward to self-righteous judgmentalism (38:24)

### **Three Ways the Lord Restores Honor (Judah/Tamar):**

1. He graciously leads us to repentance (38:25-26)

2. He graciously vindicates the oppressed (38:26-27)

3. He graciously gives us the Promised Offspring (38:27-30)

## APPLICATION –

**HEAD** – What does God want you to understand from this passage of scripture? Using your sermon notes, identify and explain in your own words the main point of what these verses are teaching. Was there anything you didn't understand?

**HEART** – As this truth was preached on Sunday, how was God moving in your heart? (Examples - Did he bring conviction? Did he cause celebration? Did he call you to any acts of obedience? Did he clarify something that you need to actively believe?)

Are there any themes that you noticed in the sermon that the Lord has also brought to your attention recently as you encounter his truth (Prayer, Bible reading, books, conversations with other believers, etc.)?

**MOUTH** – What will you share about what God was doing in your head and heart that will encourage and edify your brothers and sisters at Gospel Community and/or in other meaningful relationships? (Note: this is not a discussion question for GC, but is meant to sharpen your Gospel Community sermon discussion.)

### **HANDS AND FEET –**

Relying on the Spirit, what will you do to act on what the Lord was doing in your heart?

How will you disciple someone else in their dependence on and devotion to Jesus in light of these realities? Who will this be?

When will you do this?

## CORPORATE PRAYER

Events Team

Local Partnership: Good Neighbors

## INTERGENERATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP:

Next Sunday at 11 AM—Memorizing the attribute of God: Good—Psalm 34:8 Check out the Memory Verse Songs by scanning the QR code :



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

**Today at 4PM: Student Ministry**

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**February 1, 6 PM: Lift Up Prayer Night**

**February 07, 8-9:30 AM: Evangelism Growth Group**

**February 20-21: Student Retreat**

**March 20-21: SoulMates Marriage Conference**  
Registration Open! Ask Laura about Early Bird discount code



Check out our Events page or Log into the Church Center App by scanning the QR Code for all upcoming events.