

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 19/January 19

Today's Readings:

Genesis 37 & 38

Psalm 9.11-20

Proverbs 3.31-35

Matthew 13.1-30

1. How do favoritism and jealousy affect Jacob's family in Genesis 37? How have they impacted your life and family?
2. Even though his brothers were completely responsible for their actions, how did Joseph's behavior contribute to the problems?
3. Though Joseph's dreams would turn out to be prophetic, was he wise in sharing them how and when he did?
4. What does it mean that Joseph was a type of Christ? What things in this part of his story point to that fact?
5. How did Judah change and grow as a person in Genesis 38? What lessons can we draw from his experiences and choices?
6. Reflect on Tamar's actions and Judah's response. How do deception and consequences play out?

7. Despite the brokenness in Judah's family, how does God work towards redemption? How does it point us to God's redemptive plan for humanity?

8. Though God's ways may not always align with our expectations, how can we trust God's plan even when it seems counterintuitive?

9. How do the stories in these two chapters encourage you that God can use your past for good? Is there something you need to do (seek forgiveness or be willing to grant forgiveness to someone else, for example)?