upcoming events

NOVEMBER 13: CONNECT MEN'S PRAYER 5:30 AM
NOVEMBER 19: VIRTUAL BAPTISM CLASS 7PM
NOVEMBER 20: YTH GROUP 7 PM
NOVEMBER 21: 50+ Fellowship, 2 - 4 PM
NOVEMBER 24: GOODIES, GRATITUDE, & GOING PUBLIC 7 PM
NOVEMBER 27: CONNECT MEN'S PRAYER 5:30 AM
NOVEMBER 28: CHRISTMAS DECORATING 3 PM
NOVEMBER 29: COMMUNION
DECEMBER 3: EJ'S PJS PAJAMA DRIVE EVENT 5:30 PM

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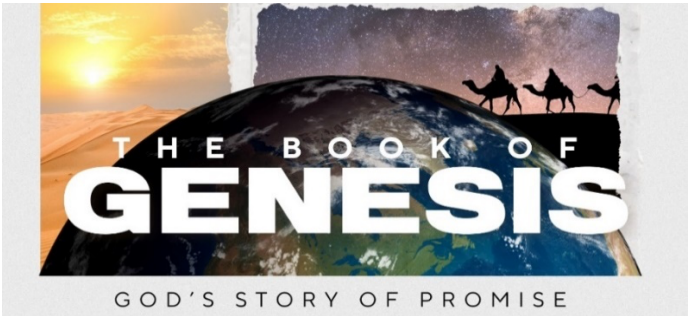
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November 8, 2026
Genesis 38 (NIV)

VS 1-7 1 At that time, Judah left his brothers and went down to stay
with a man of Adullam named Hirah. 2 There Judah met the
daughter of a Canaanite man named Shua. He married her and
made love to her; 3 she became pregnant and gave birth to a son,
who was named Er. 4 She conceived again and gave birth to a son
and named him Onan. 5 She gave birth to still another son and
named him Shelah. It was at Kezib that she gave birth to him.
6 Judah got a wife for Er, his firstborn, and her name was Tamar.
7 But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the LORD's sight; so the
LORD put him to death.

Galatians 6:7-8 *7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*

Romans 9:20 *But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?"*

1. Sin has _____.

VS 8-10 8 Then Judah said to Onan, "Sleep with your brother's wife
and fulfill your duty to her as a brother-in-law to raise up offspring
for your brother." 9 But Onan knew that the child would not be his;
so whenever he slept with his brother's wife, he spilled his semen
on the ground to keep from providing offspring for his brother.
10 What he did was wicked in the LORD's sight; so the LORD put him
to death also.

2. God sees the _____.

Hebrews 4:13 *And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account*

VS 11 Judah then said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, “Live as a widow in your father’s household until my son Shelah grows up.” For he thought, “He may die too, just like his brothers.” So Tamar went to live in her father’s household.

3. Understanding sin does not _____ it.

“But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being.” - Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, The Gulag Archipelago

“The only difference between you and them is that the seeds in your heart that make you capable of being or doing that just never got watered.” – Tim Keller, Mortification Through Joy

VS 12-26 12 After a long time Judah’s wife, the daughter of Shua,
died. When Judah had recovered from his grief, he went up to
Timnah, to the men who were shearing his sheep, and his friend
Hirah the Adullamite went with him. 13 When Tamar was told, “Your
father-in-law is on his way to Timnah to shear his sheep,” 14 she
took off her widow’s clothes, covered herself with a veil to disguise
herself, and then sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the
road to Timnah. For she saw that, though Shelah had now grown
up, she had not been given to him as his wife. 15 When Judah saw
her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face.
16 Not realizing that she was his daughter-in-law, he went over to
her by the roadside and said, “Come now, let me sleep with you.”
“And what will you give me to sleep with you?” she asked. 17 “I’ll
send you a young goat from my flock,” he said. “Will you give me
something as a pledge until you send it?” she asked. 18 He said,
“What pledge should I give you?” “Your seal and its cord, and the
staff in your hand,” she answered. So he gave them to her and slept
with her, and she became pregnant by him. 19 After she left, she
took off her veil and put on her widow’s clothes again. 20 Meanwhile
Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite in order to
get his pledge back from the woman, but he did not find her. 21 He
asked the men who lived there, “Where is the shrine prostitute who
was beside the road at Enaim?” “There hasn’t been any shrine
prostitute here,” they said. 22 So he went back to Judah and said, “I
didn’t find her. Besides, the men who lived there said, ‘There hasn’t
been any shrine prostitute here.’” 23 Then Judah said, “Let her keep
what she has, or we will become a laughingstock. After all, I did
send her this young goat, but you didn’t find her.” 24 About three
months later Judah was told, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar is guilty
of prostitution, and as a result she is now pregnant.” Judah said,
“Bring her out and have her burned to death!” 25 As she was being
brought out, she sent a message to her father-in-law. “I am
pregnant by the man who owns these,” she said. And she added,
“See if you recognize whose seal and cord and staff these are.”
26 Judah recognized them and said, “She is more righteous than I,
since I wouldn’t give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not sleep
with her again.

Proverbs 22:1 *A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.*

4. Guard your _____.

5. Judge _____ first.

Romans 2:1 *Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.*

Matthew 7:1-2 *1 Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.*

6. Our guilt shows a need for a _____.

VS 27-30 27 When the time came for her to give birth, there were
twin boys in her womb. 28 As she was giving birth, one of them put
out his hand; so the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on his
wrist and said, “This one came out first.” 29 But when he drew back
his hand, his brother came out, and she said, “So this is how you
have broken out!” And he was named Perez. 30 Then his brother,
who had the scarlet thread on his wrist, came out. And he was
named Zerah.

Romans 5:6-8 *6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*