



## Week 2: The Tell of Two Sons

Chapters 38 and 39 of Genesis provide a powerful contrast in the characters of two central figures in God's plan of redemption and the choices they make in the face of temptation and hardship. Judah's entitlement leads him into moral failure and deception, while Joseph's steadfast integrity, even in the face of unjust accusation, keeps him aligned with God's presence and favor. Through their stories, we're reminded that true blessing isn't about avoiding hardship but about remaining faithful in the midst of it.

### Discussion Questions:

1. In Genesis 38 and 39, we see two contrasting responses to difficulty and temptation. How did Judah's sense of entitlement lead him to compromise his values? Conversely, How did Joseph's loyalty to God shape his actions, especially in moments of intense temptation?
2. Entitlement is one of the key strategies of the enemy and usually starts with the whisper, "I deserve it." Where have you seen this show up in your life? How did it impact your choices?
3. Joseph chose to refuse temptation and even retreated when necessary. Are there areas in your life where you need to refuse or retreat from something? What does that look like practically?
4. Joseph's integrity landed him in prison. Has obedience ever led to challenging and difficult circumstances in your life? How can we lean into God's presence when we find ourselves in our own "Egypt"—a place we didn't plan to be?
5. How have you sensed God's presence and kindness in seasons of heartache and difficulty?
6. Close by praying for each group member's areas of vulnerability, asking God to strengthen each one to respond like Joseph—with faithfulness, loyalty, and integrity.