

East Side Church

Life Notes

Christmas Grace: Tamar Pastor Kerry B. Robinson

Genesis 38

Life Observation: There are times of abandonment and pain in our lives.

And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. But Er, Judah's first born, was wicked in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord put him to death.
—Genesis 38:6-7 (ESV)

Grace Gift #1: God gives us grace even when people mistreat us.

Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son grows up"—for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father's house. —Genesis 38:11 (ESV)

Grace Gift #2: God gives us grace even when people sin against us.

Then Judah identified them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not know her again. —Genesis 38:26 (ESV)

Grace Gift #3: God demonstrates His grace in our lives by healing the broken places in our soul.

When the time of her labor came, there were twins in her womb. And when she was in labor, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, "This one came out first." But as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" Therefore his name was called Perez. Afterward his brother came out with the scarlet thread on his hand, and his name was called Zerah. —Genesis 38:27-30 (ESV)