

## TAMAR – A Woman “Without a Future”

“For the powerful, crimes are those that others commit.”  
Noam Chomsky, *Imperial Ambitions*

### THE PRICE OF BETRAYAL

Nothing destroys the future faster than unresolved sin in the past.

### A STRIKING CONTRAST

### CONFRONTING SIN

Moral indignation can destroy because it permits envy or hate to be carried out in the name of virtue

Double standards by the powerful over the disadvantaged are an affront to God. (Hosea 4:14; Matthew 5:3)

Tamar’s bravery in challenging sin resulted in Judah’s and Tamar’s place in Jesus’s ancestry.

## Something to think about

MATTHEW 1:1-6; GENESIS 38  
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Ten words or less: what’s the most important message that God gave you from Sunday’s study? Memorize that sentence and talk about it with two people this week. You can even do it at lunchtime around the table.

Read Matthew 7:3-5. “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Why do you think double standards are so devastating?

Are there double standards you are harboring?

Tamar was a Gentile, a woman in a man’s world, a person taken advantage of, and powerless (according to the world). Yet she was included as one of only five women included in the family tree of Jesus. The Holy Spirit thought she was important. Does that say anything to you about your importance to God and his plans?