

Lesson 2

Turning Tricks-ters: Tamar and Rahab

REFLECTION GUIDE

Welcome

As you watch the lesson, take notes on key themes, ideas, and questions that stand out to you. Pause the video when needed to reflect, jot down insights, or revisit an important section. Stay attentive to how the content connects with both your personal faith journey and issues that matter to your community.

Questions

- Read Genesis 37-40. Here, we find the story of Tamar inserted into a longer story about Joseph.
 - Why might the biblical writers have inserted the story of Tamar and Judah in the middle of another story?
 - How does Tamar's story help us better understand the Joseph story?
- Joshua 6:22-25 tells us how the story of Rahab ends. The very next story is about a man named Achan who proves to be unfaithful.
 - What differences do you see between the Rahab and Achan?
 - What reversals do you see in the two narratives?
 - What might these side-by-side stories be demonstrating?
- Read Emily Dickinson's poem "Hope is the thing with feathers" (below).
 - What do you feel when you read this poem?
 - How does the poem describe hope?
 - Where do you find a similar feeling in the stories of Tamar and Rahab?

"Hope is the Thing With Feathers"

"Hope" is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I've heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.