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## **Assignment 1**

### **Genesis chapter 37-44**

Genesis chapter 37-44 summarized the life of Joseph, who were the second leader of Egypt and how he was treating by his brothers. While I was reading the passages, I was thinking about how Joseph had a very difficult life within his family. I realized that since the beginning of the century jalousie and disconnections were available within families. As Joseph's brothers wanted to get rid of him due to a question of jalousie and insecurity. Chapter 38 mainly focus on the life of Judah, who were the eleven's brother of Joseph. Judah was very jealousy of Joseph he was the one who advised to sell Joseph as a substitute of murdering him and pretend that violent animals in the forest had ate him., but God has a way of doing everything. Sometimes our enemies plan to destroyed us, however God always intervene on our behalf in a special way which was the case for Joseph.

Judah left his family so that he could be with the Canaanite daughter, however, chapter 38 in the book of genesis mentioned that Judah had three sons, two of them were died; the way they were living did not satisfy God at all and the other one was acting very bad, he had a son with his brother who 's his wife were died. He wasted his sperm on the ground, I can say that it was a waste just because he did not want to get any women pregnant which was very selfish and immature of him. After both sons died, the youngest one had grown, marry and have a child so that the child may perhaps take the first husband's name. As she was very intelligent and smart,

she seduced him and dodged Judah by pretending to be a prostitute just to make him sleep with him.

The entire chapter 38 of genesis is very powerful and interested in all Christian to take as an example to go through life's journey. I believe that Judah's life the beginning of the book, was not organized. He was living a life full of mess. To be more specific, Judah was a selfish, arrogant, cheater and a liar, however at the end of the chapter, it shows how he became a brand-new creature. I believe, Judah encounter with Jesus at the end of the chapter. In general, any body who encounter Jesus have to change the old life that they been living. As the Bible mentioned, anyone who encounter God is a new creature, the old things that you have been doing or deal with have to go to be able to live and experience life and God in a new level. I strongly believe that Judah had encounter God in a new level that is why his life, or his mentality had changed forever.

In my opinion, I think that the biblical character whose personalities had changed due to a specific event is Job. Job is a very good character in the bible I can used that shows how he had a lot of wealth and lost everything. Even he had lost everything, he never blamed God or anyone, he stood strong even he had a lot complained about. God was able to give him more than what he had previously in his life. This is just to show how powerful God is and how he is able to change everything. Everything happens for a reason. It is always good to say all is well when things go bad, but in general that's not always the case.