

Campfire Stories | Week #06

“Is This Your Stuff?” | August 12th and 15th

Anchor Verse: “There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written.” John 21:24

What’s the Issue Anyway?

_____ and _____ are equal opportunity oppressors.

That Reminds Me of the Story of Judah and Tamar in Genesis 38

Genesis 38 reminds us of the _____ and _____ of scripture.

Judah marries a _____ woman and had three sons: Er, Onan and Shelah.

Er dies _____ leaving Tamar a _____ widow.

The law of the _____ falls on Onan.

Onan withheld _____ from Tamar.

In fear, Judah tries to _____ the voice of Tamar.

Tamar takes justice into her own hands, risking her _____ and her _____.

Tamar’s _____ topples Judah’s _____.

Don’t Miss This

At the right moment, Tamar took _____ for her own vindication and found divine justice.

Wisdom for my everyday, peacemaking life?

_____ and _____ - _____ give birth to injustice in our hearts. (Genesis 38:9-11)

Injustice feels like you have no _____, trapped under oppression. (Genesis 38:12-14)

Working for your justice could come at a high _____ price. (Genesis 38:24)

Trust the _____ of Christ in you, encouraging and empowering you.

How can this make me a better human and our world a better place?

We can _____ others to action.

We will move _____ by the power of God at work in us.

What is God inviting you into today?

1. Take the first step and tell someone about the injustice you are experiencing or have experienced.
2. Examine your own leadership to see where fear and self-interest are growing.

Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection

1. Have you or someone you known been trapped, powerless in a circumstance that has stolen your freedom or silenced your voice? If comfortable, share a bit of that story.
2. What about the story today inspires you? What disturbs you about the story? If it were up to you, would you have put it in the Bible?
3. What keeps you from taking action to find your justice or vindication? What support or help would you need to take action?
4. Have you been inspired by someone else's fight for justice? Who was it and why was their story so impactful?

STOP
THINK
REFLECT