

God of Widows: Tamar's Story

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

- 1. Have you ever thought of God as a God of Widows? What can we learn about God through this lens?
- 2. Prior to reading this article what was your perspective regarding widows in the Bible?
- 3. In delving into the details of Tamar's story, which point most resonates with you? Is there a part of her story that was new to you?
- 4. After being victimized by multiple injustices by members of her family, Tamar demonstrates her will to survive. She's scrappy and creative while leaning on the Levirate law of compassionate redemption and we see that God rewards her with the lineage of Messiah. What lessons from Tamar can we apply to your own life?
- 5. How can Tamar's example inspire you to be aware of the widows and vulnerable individuals present in your community? What can you do today?
- 6. Does your faith community support immigrants, widows, orphans, and other vulnerable individuals? What more could you do? Make a plan.
- 7. Have you experienced Spiritual Widowhood? Do you view God as your Groom? How can you seek to grow closer in that relationship and commitment?