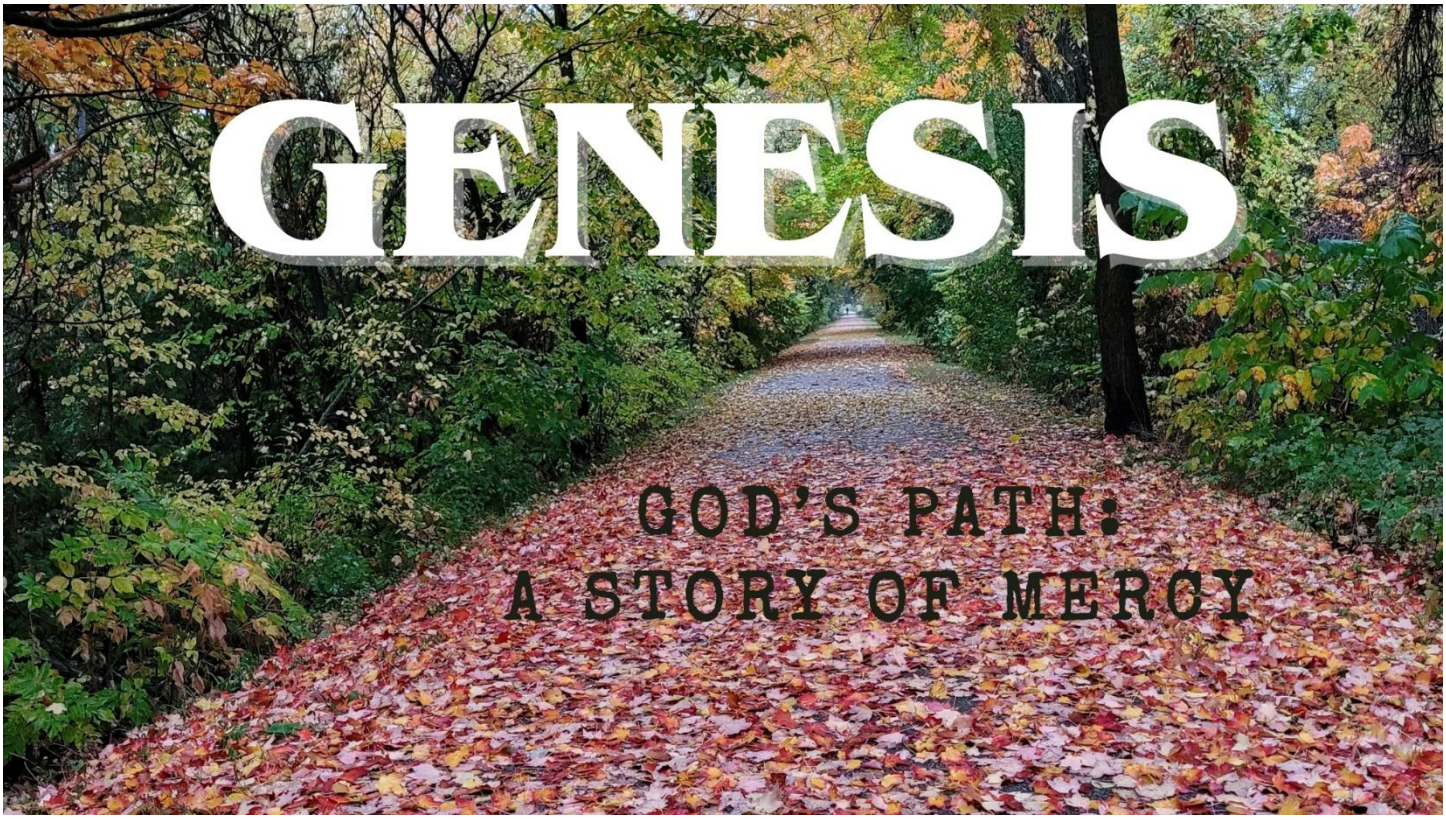

Sermon Discussion Questions for October 4, 2026.
Genesis 38 Heartfelt Transformation

1. What did you hear the Spirit say to you? What will you do in response to what you heard?
2. How do you feel about the concept of the Levirate marriage? (Brother marries the widow of a brother who dies without a child) Why was it more important in Biblical times? Do or should we have a responsibility to care for our siblings spouse when they die?
3. Tamar was wrong in acting as a prostitute and yet she is the one who saved the line of Judah. Are there situations when it OK to do something sinful to rectify a problem? Is it ever OK to do something sinful when "end justifies the means?"
4. It seems strange that Jacob would give away his "licence and credit card" for a moment of pleasure. What are ways in which people today give away their "identity" for momentary pleasure?
5. The Catholic church has a practice of confession. Do you think we should create ways for people to confess their sins to another person? Read James 5:16. How important is confession in a person's life? How comfortable would be confessing to others?
6. What is the difference between confession, repentance and forgiveness? Why is each one important? Is one harder or easier to do?
7. Do we ever need to repent more than once? If we are repenting for the same thing, have we really repented? What does daily repentance look like? Is there a correlation between repentance and forgiveness?

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