



We all have memories of our failures, and some of them were epic. The good news is that God's grace is even more epic. This series will remind us that God is better at forgiving and fixing than we are at failing.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Rick began by reminding us that "Even a casual reading of the Bible reveals that God does not do cover-ups". Why is it significant to know that Scripture records the best and worst of God's people as it tells the best story ever? What does that teach us about our need for epic grace?

2 JUDAH FAILED... as a son and brother.

Genesis 37 records the plot of Jacob's sons to get rid of their father's favorite son, and Judah led the way. **Read Genesis 37:26-27 and 34-35.** What surprises you about Judah's involvement in the plot to get rid of Joseph?

3 JUDAH FAILED... as a husband and father.

Genesis 38 provides an interesting review of Judah's private life. **Read Genesis 38:1-10.** What stands out to you regarding how Judah failed as a husband and father? As you reflect on some of Judah's failures, what thoughts and feelings rise up in you in relationship to some of your own failures?

4 Rick mentioned that what happened between Judah and Tamar was a turning point in Judah's life. **Read Genesis 38:25-26.** Why do you think this was such a pivotal moment in Judah's life? Follow up discussion: **Read Genesis 44:30-34.** What is so amazing about Judah's transformation here compared to where his story began?

5 EPIC TRUTH! God is reliable. Judah's story reminds us that God is moving relentlessly toward the fulfillment of His eternal plan, and along the way He uses some pretty scandalous resumes. **Read Genesis 49:10.** Why would God choose Judah to be the line through which the most epic promise ever would be fulfilled?

6 EPIC TRUTH! Man is redeemable. Rick reminded us that "Your history does not shock God, and He has never met a resume that intimidates Him." How does it make you feel knowing that God never deems anyone as hopeless or beyond repair? Share some "Judah examples" – stories of people you know who experienced a radical transformation.

7 EPIC TRUTH! Grace is remarkable! Rick pointed out, "I'm not shocked by the stories of fails in the Bible. I continue to be shocked by the wonder of grace. The scandal of redemption is the redemption of scandal. And the hero of the story is the Lion of Judah." **Read Revelation 5:9.** Share about a time in your own life that you were shocked by the wonder of God's epic grace. Spend some time in prayer as you close by thanking God for giving us exactly what we needed, an epic Savior.

