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**MONDAY**

1. Judah, son of Jacob, experienced a significant turning point in his life and in carrying out God's will. This change reveals to us how the tribe of Judah came to be the Royal tribe, from which Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, descended (Genesis 43:8-9; 44: 32-34; Revelation 5:5).
2. Joseph seemed destined to be the principal tribe in exercising kingship, as a continuation of his father Jacob's reign. However, from Genesis 43 onwards, we see a transfer of this responsibility and representation of God's kingdom from Joseph to Judah (Genesis 38: 11-12; 43:8-9; 44: 32-34).
3. Through his daughter-in-law Tamar, Judah realized the importance of offspring. With her actions, Tamar brought forth offspring for Judah, and God honored her. This episode highlights the value God places on fruitfulness. He desires that we be fruitful so that His life may multiply and He may exercise His dominion over the Earth (Genesis 1: 27-28; 12:2; 13:16; 38:25-30).
4. "God raised Jesus from the dead, glorifying Him, and He became the Spirit, ready to give water to people. It is this water that gives life. Today we have the life of God in us, because He became the Spirit, and this water quenches our thirst" (John 7: 37-39) (Daily Food, book 8, week 4, Monday, pp. 59-60).

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**TUESDAY**

1. Tamar married Judah's eldest son, who died because he was wicked in the sight of the Lord. Similarly, Judah's second son died after marrying her. The third son, although promised to Tamar, was not given to her by her father-in-law. This picture shows that Judah did not care about his own descendants (Genesis 38:6-11).
2. God places great importance on the birthright, for it is the object of His blessings and promises. Even though Judah did not care, the Lord needed to raise up a descendant from him so that Christ could come to His people, for Judah came to inherit Jacob's birthright, even though he was the fourth son (Genesis 38:24-27; 49:8-10; Revelation 5:5).
3. In the genealogy of Jesus Christ, we see King David, a descendant of the tribe of Judah. From the union between Judah and Tamar, Perez was born; from Perez came the lineage that culminated in David. This shows that Judah inherited the birthright from Jacob and, with it, the blessings and promises of God related to royalty (Matthew 1:1-3, 6, 16).
4. "The Spirit is in this word, and the Spirit is life. He is the living water capable of quenching people's thirst, leading them to believe in Jesus and causing them to also have within themselves a fountain of living water" (John 6:63) (Daily Food, book 8, week 4, Tuesday, pp. 61-62).

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**WEDNESDAY**

1. We are the church of the firstborn. Therefore, let us not throw away the birthright. We must give importance to what God values. The birthright has great value to God (Hebrews 12: 22-23a).
2. What was Judah's change of attitude? He took responsibility for preserving the descendants of God's people, the people of Israel. If it were not for his insistence on returning to Egypt to obtain food, Jacob and his descendants might not have survived (Genesis 43:8-9).
3. God needs many "Judases" today—people who will take the risk and responsibility to ensure that God's will is done on Earth, so that the Lord may rule in the coming kingdom (Genesis 43:1-10).
4. "In the Gospel of John, we understand the Father's love for the Son and for us: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (3:16). And again: "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." (1 John 4:9) ( *Daily Food* , book 8, week 4, Wednesday, p. 64 ).

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## THURSDAY

1. The new revelations that God brings in His word are not meant to make us compare ourselves to others and foster pride in having received them, but to produce a change of attitude within us. Based on the light received, we must fulfill the Lord's will according to the direction it gives us (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Amos 3:7).
2. As eleventh-hour workers, we need to be servants of God who take on the risk and responsibility for His work, just as Judah took the risk before his father, Jacob, when he stood surety for Benjamin as he took him to Egypt ( Matthew 20:1-16; Genesis 43:1-10).
3. Just as Joseph had a steward in his house, every house needs a steward, that is, someone who manages the household goods. God also needs stewards, responsible for managing and distributing the riches of Christ to people (Genesis 43:16; 1 Peter 4:10).
4. "God put Abraham to the test by asking him to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice (Genesis 22:1-2). In the same way that God tested Abraham's faith, it is also necessary that the value of our faith be tested" ( *Daily Food* , book 8, week 4, Thursday, p. 65 ).

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**FRIDAY**

1. God wants us to offer Him the best we have. Everything we are and do should be managed and surrendered to Christ as the best part of our lives, for He is our Lord, and we are His servants (Colossians 3:23-24).
2. The Lord needs good stewards so that His house, the church, may be well cared for. We cannot do things for God haphazardly; we need to be perfected so that the Lord's work may advance until His return (1 Corinrhians 4:1-2; 1 Peter 4:10).
3. We cannot be servants who, according to etiquette, do everything correctly and without error, but through whom the work of God does not advance. Rather, we must be like Judah and assume responsibility and risk, so that the work of God may flow dynamically (Genesis 43:1-9; Luke 9:62; Revelation 3:15-16).
4. "The will of God is the strongest reality in this world. Therefore, do not reserve any area of your heart for yourself. Everything is for doing God's will. Everything we are, everything we have, and everything God has accomplished among us is not for ourselves, but so that He may fulfill His will, which is to make Christ the Head of all things" (Romans 12:2; Ephesians 1:9-10) ( *Daily Food* , book 8, week 4, Friday, page 68 ).

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**SATURDAY**

1. Even in the face of the pressure Joseph put on his brothers, Judah presented himself before him and offered to become a slave in place of Benjamin. This act confirmed that Judah had become the leader of his entire household. He represented his father, Israel (Genesis 44:1-34).
2. Just as Judah did, we need to be servants of God who stand before the authorities of the world so that the descendants of Christ, Zion, may be preserved. We must be willing to fight for the kingdom of God, even amidst pressures and difficulties, so that the gospel may be spread (Psalm 110:3; Matthew 10: 18-20; 11: 12).
3. God does not merely desire theoretical servants who know how to speak well or have good rhetoric. He seeks servants who, in practice, take responsibility for representing God's work on Earth (1 John 3:18).
4. "Abraham proved his faith and absolute obedience before God, so God intervened, providing a substitute. Christ is our True substitute, who gave His life as a ransom for many: "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit." (1 Peter 3:18) ( *Daily Food* , book 8, week 4, Saturday, p. 70 ).

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**SUNDAY**

1. Joseph represented Egypt: he reigned and defended that nation. Judah, however, rose up to represent Israel, which is in line with God's will. That is, Judah rose up to defend the kingdom of God. He became Jacob's shepherd and was the one who fought for Israel's inheritance in Joseph's place. Therefore, God gave him the inheritance of the firstborn (Psalm 78:67-68).
2. Jacob's descendants owe the preservation of all the descendants of the people of Israel to Judah, for it was he who took the risk and the responsibility at the most crucial moment. He acted as king, representing the kingdom of God (Genesis 49:8-10).
3. The Lord loves Zion; He loves those who fight for His kingdom. Just as He used the donkey when entering Jerusalem, the Lord desires to use everyone—children, teenagers, captains, David's mighty men, and senior stewards—so that one day He may be crowned King. Therefore, until Shiloh comes, let us stand firm in the fight for the kingdom of God (Psalm 110:2; Matthew 21:4-9; Genesis 49: 10).
4. "Because of Abraham's obedience, the blessing came to us: "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice." (Genesis 22:18). Thanks be to God, this blessing was confirmed by God's oath by Himself. Today we live the fulfillment of this promise. Barrenness has been broken, because we are in the right place to worship God: in the Spirit, received by hearing of faith" ( *Daily Food* , book 8, week 4, Sunday, p. 72 ).

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