

Carried by the Dream:

Love in the Heart of Empire

Genesis 38-39

July 23, 2017

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Care for the stranger.

Abraham & Sarah

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Why is God necessary when life is secure?

Genesis 38
Judah & Tamar

Genesis 39

Joseph in Potiphar's house

Wisdom 12:16-19

For your **strength** is the basis of your saving justice, and your sovereignty over all makes you **lenient to all**.

You show your strength when people will not believe in your absolute power, and you confound any insolence in those who do know it.

But you, controlling your strength, are **mild in judgement**, and govern us with **great lenience**, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus, you have taught your people that the **upright must be kindly to his fellows**, and you have given your children the good hope that after sins you will grant repentance.