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Willing VS Unwilling Departure

- Judah willingly departed (**Genesis 38:1**) from the family while Joseph was forced out (**37:26-28, 36; 42:21**).
- Significance of departure — **Genesis 18:19; Exodus 3:14-15; Hebrews 1:1** (**Ephesians 6:1-4; 1 Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 3:4-6**)

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Worldly Influence VS Sanctification

- Judah's departure made him vulnerable to worldly influence (**Genesis 38:1-2**), but the Lord was with Joseph (**Genesis 39:2-6**).
- Worldliness and worldly people are inevitable, but sanctification is a choice — **1 Cor. 5:9-10; John 17:15-19; Ephesians 5:11-13; 1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; 1 Cor 15:33**

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Pursuit of Sin VS Flight from Sin

- Judah requested and pursued (**Genesis 38:11-16**), but Joseph refused and fled (**Genesis 39:6-12**).
- The devil is seeking us already, we do not need to make it easier for him — **1 Peter 5:8; Romans 13:14; 1 Cor. 10:13; Romans 6:16, 19**

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Sinful Pride VS Godly Meekness

- Judah left possessions with a seductress (**Genesis 38:16-18**), but so did Joseph (**Genesis 39:11-12**). The reasons are dramatically different (**Genesis 38:20-23; 39:16-20; cf. 1 Peter 2:19-20**).
- Judah was far from godly sorrow (**Genesis 38:24-26**), but Joseph's godliness drove him to holiness despite harm (**Genesis 39:8-9; cf. 1 Peter 3:13-17**).

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