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2. Who are some of the key family members that this chapter is focusing on? Answer: Jacob, Joseph and Judah. Friends, do you remember some of the short-comings of Judah back in Genesis 37 and 38?
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