

WRESTLING WITH OUR FAMILY STORY - STUDY #6

- GENESIS 29:31–30:43

Share

1. Share with one another what it was like growing up being a child of your parents/guardians. Alternatively, what lessons have you learned from your parents?

Observe & Reflect

Read Genesis 29:31-35

2. How does Leah's experience of being unloved help us understand God's heart for the outcast?
3. What do you observe about Leah's desire to win Jacob's love? In what ways do we try to 'earn' love or blessing, like Leah tried with Jacob?
4. Leah praised God at Judah's birth. What role does Judah play in the Bible's story? (See Matthew 1:2-3)

Read Genesis 30:1-13

5. What drives the sister's actions? What does Rachel and Leah's rivalry teach us about envy and identity?

Read Genesis 30:14-22

6. What role does superstition play in the story, and how is God's sovereignty highlighted?

7. Reflect on Jacob's messy household (multiple wives, family conflict, manipulation). How does God work through deeply flawed people and situations? What hope does this give you in your own "family story" or past?

Read Genesis 30:25-43

8. How do we see God's blessing and promise unfold despite human schemes? Even through odd tactics and trickery, God blesses Jacob. Why? How does this assure you that God's purposes will prevail—even when you fail or falter?

Read Galatians 3:7-9, 26-29

9. How does faith in Christ—not family heritage—make someone part of God's family?
10. How should this truth shape how you view yourself and others in your church?

Next Steps

11. How might this truth of being part of God's family shape how you view yourself and others in your church?
12. How does knowing you are a child of God through faith change the way you view your past?
13. Who can you welcome into God's family this week?