

# Living With a Glorious Limp: Discipleship, Jacob, and the Messiness of Life

*Lesson 11: Covenant in Peril* March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2024



## **Observation. What does The Text Say?**

**Read Genesis 34:1-35:8**

1. What happened to Dinah, a teenager of fifteen<sup>1</sup>, as she went out alone to visit the "daughters of the land"?
2. After this brutal sexual violation, what was Shechem's intention toward Dinah?
3. What was the reaction of Jacob when he heard about the rape of his daughter?
4. What were the reactions of Jacob's sons when they heard about the sexual violation of Dinah?
5. Name several things that Hamor and his son Shechem proposed to Jacob as a marriage agreement. See verses 9-12.
6. Explain what happened to the men of city after they were circumcised.
7. What was Jacob's worry now that the men of the city were slaughtered by Simeon and Levi?
8. Before going to back to Bethel as God commanded, Jacob told his family to prepare themselves to worship there by doing what three things?



### **Interpretation. What Does the Text Mean?**

9. Identify what each person did that was wrong and its consequence.

Shechem:

Hamor:

Men of the city:

Jacob:

Simeon and Levi:

Sons of Jacob:

10. Why did God command the Israelites to avoid intermarriage with foreigners?

See **Genesis 28:1-2**; **Deuteronomy 7:1-6**;

11. Why do you think Jacob's family had foreign household gods and what does this tell us about their relationship with God?

12. What do you learn from this passage about the faith of Jacob?

### **Application. What is God Asking Me To Do?**

13. What can we learn from reading horrific accounts (such as what happened to Dinah) in the Scriptures?

14. How should Christians respond to violent crime against a family member or loved ones? Is it wrong to seek justice? Vengeance? <sup>2</sup>

15. What do we learn about worship in this passage that is applicable to our lives?

<sup>1</sup> <https://ligonduncan.com/the-vengeance-of-the-sons-of-jacob-1016/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-61-fatal-attraction-genesis-341-31> Steven Cole good questions