

Living With a Glorious Limp: Discipleship, Jacob, and the Messiness of Life
Lesson 4: A Bit of Glad, Bad, and Sad January 30th and 31st 2024



Observation. What Does The Text Say?

Read Genesis 29:1-30

1. How was Jacob related to Laban, and to Rachel and Leah?
2. List several things Jacob did to impress Rachel when they met at the well.
3. How does the passage describe these two sisters, Leah and Rachel?
4. Laban promised his younger daughter Rachel to Jacob in return for how many years of service?
5. Because Laban deceived Jacob on his wedding night, how many years of service did Jacob actually work for Rachel's hand?
6. What was Laban's answer to Jacob's questions, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"
7. Who were Zilpah and Bilhah?

Resources:

<https://storage.snappages.site/7STCWP/assets/files/The-Wiersbe-Bible-Commentary-Old-Testame-90.pdf>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-providence-of-god-session-1>

<https://brewsterbaptistchurch.org/jacob-and-laban-honesty/>



Interpretation. What Does It Mean?

8. In what two ways did Laban come out ahead when he deceitfully "married off" his first born to Jacob?

9. For Jacob, "marriage wasn't an option; it was an obligation", writes Warren Wiersbe. How was this true for Jacob? (Hint: think about the Abrahamic Covenant.)

10. From what you read in this passage, how do you know that Jacob truly loved Rachel?

11. A simple definition of providence is, "means to 'supply what is needed,' 'provide something' 'to give sustenance or support'". In what ways do you see God's providence for Jacob?

Application. What Is God Asking Me To Do?

12. Put yourself in Jacob place. How would you have reacted to Laban's deception?

13. What can you learn about God and yourself when you face trials and difficult circumstances, even when someone takes advantage of you?

14. It is possible that you struggle with feelings that you have not been blessed like others? Maybe you are struggling with not being so beautiful, healthy, talented, wealthy, successful, educated, or blessed with children. Remember that Rachel was beautiful; Leah not so much so. What Scripture counsel comes to mind when you read **2 Corinthians 4:7-18?**

15. God, what might you be inviting me to be, know, understand, feel, or do?