

EQUIP

Sunday School

Baby Wars

Genesis 29:31-30:24

Theme:

A story of God using Sinful Man in accomplishing His purposes.



- I. Jacob's Family Begins (29:31-35)
 - A. A Rivalry Between Sisters
 - B. Four Sons Through Leah
 - C. Tension Surrounding Rachel's Barrenness



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Birth Order · Colored by Mother · The Twelve Tribes of Israel

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(aka sinful solutions) (30:1-13)
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 - B. Rachel's Maid Bilhah
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B. Leah's Bargain

C. Rachel's Failed Attempt



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A. God Remembers Rachel

B. Rachel's Barrenness Removed

C. Joseph is Born



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Application

1. Do you follow God's Commands?
2. What culturally acceptable things that you do either directly violate God's commands or taint your relationship with Him?
3. Do the decisions you make reflect God's commands and a trust in His Sovereignty?

