

"The Bride" • Genesis 29:16–31
Mt. Lassen Community Church • October 26, 2025

Intro • Share stories of how you met a true love. ♥

Opening Reading: **Hosea 2:19–23** • How does Hosea describe God's love for His Bride, Israel?

Genesis 29:16–28 • Laban's Deception, the wedding night switch of Leah and Rachel.

Vs 29–31 • The fallout: Jacob loves Rachel; Leah is *unloved!*
Leah's heart is described as being as barren as Rachel's womb!

That is the story—here now is the LESSON →

Jacob was married to Leah. She was his wife. Regardless of Laban's deceptions, the fact is, Leah was the wife of a Patriarch, part of the Covenant plan for Israel to be a blessing to the whole world—*yet, she was unloved and dying inside!*

Jacob's marriage to Leah is a poor representation of the Gospel.

Contrast of Jacob and Leah to Jesus' love for US, His Bride—

We were like Leah _____
_____ (Isaiah 59:2)

We were transformed in His love _____

Compared to Jacob's failure, we learn in the Gospel →

1 • Jesus chooses to see His Bride as _____

In response, we should _____

2 • Jesus never speaks of His Bride _____

In response, we should _____

How Jacob's marriage to Leah should have been different, according to the Gospel—

Final Word → "Be Transformed"
"Nothing Changes if Nothing Changes"

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*HOSEA 2:19 • 'I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME
FOREVER; YES, I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME
IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND IN JUSTICE, IN
LOVINGKINDNESS AND IN COMPASSION*

Today's Sermon – "The Bride"

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Upcoming Events –

Ladies Prayer Walk • Monday, October 27, 10:30a & 5:15p

Women's Bible Study beginning Tuesday, October 28
Book of Psalms • 11a & 5:30p

New Men's Bible Study starting Saturday, November 1
"G.R.I.T." • 7am

Samaritan Purse • **Operation Christmas Child**

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