

From the Beginning: “A Perfect Plan”

Genesis 29:16-30

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I. A perfect plan despite sin and deception. (Genesis 26:7-11)

1. A sinful pattern. (vs 7-9)
2. A sinful consequence. (vs 10-11)

“For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.” Luke 8:17

II. A perfect plan despite family dysfunction. (Genesis 29:31-35)

1. God’s plan revealed through heartache. (vs 31-34)
2. God’s plan revealed through His promise. (vs 35)

Revelation 5:5

III. A perfect plan continues through Jacob. (Genesis 32:24-32)

1. Jacob’s life is changed forever. (vs 24-28)
2. Jacob’s faith is changed forever. (vs 29-32)

Isaiah 59:20

Romans 1:16

Ephesians 2:19

LET’S GO DEEPER:

1. Use a concordance to look up other Bible passages that mention either Jacob or Esau. What else can we learn about them?
2. How does God’s choice of Jacob relate to us? What are we to learn from their examples?
3. Think through the sins of Jacob again. Is there anywhere you see yourself in him? Be open to a friend you trust and pray together. James 5:16
4. Are there other Bible people who received new names (or nicknames)? What were the reasons for each name change?
5. If you are a believer in Jesus, write out for yourself the way in which you came to faith. How has he changed you? Share this with another person.