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“A Dumb Husband & The Attentive God”

From the Series,
“Jacob 180”

Genesis 29:16-35

Preached Sunday PM 5/04/14

Meadow Baptist Church

1. Jacob: A Man Who Knew What He Wanted (16-20)

- a. His attraction (16-17) - “Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance.”
- b. His commitment (18-19) - “Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” 19 Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.”
- c. His mission (20) - “So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.”

2. Laban: A Father Who Leveraged What He Had (21-29)

- a. Daddy throws a wedding (21-22) - “Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” 22 So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast.”
- b. Daddy pulls a fast-one (23-26) - “But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her... 25 And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” 26 Laban said, “It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.”

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- c. Daddy gets his way (27-29) - "Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." 28 Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife..."

3. Leah: A Woman Finding Her Identity (21-35)

- a. Unappreciated but not unfruitful (30-31) - "So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years. 31 When the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren."
- b. Fruitful but not fulfilled (32) - "And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, Because the Lord has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me."
- c. Consoled but not content (33-34) - "She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon. 34 Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi."
- d. Delivering and finally delivered (35) - "And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the Lord." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing."