

**The Legacy of Leah  
(Mother's Day)  
Meadowbrook Community Church  
May 11, 2025**

**Text:** *Genesis 29-49 (The story of Leah)*

- Leah's life was marked by adversity, but her legacy plays out all the way through the Bible to Revelation.
- She did not get what she wanted from life.
- Leah's name means "weary" or "wild cow."

**Leah...**

- was not very attractive.  
*Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was lovely in form, and beautiful. – Genesis 29:17*
- was unwanted by her husband.  
*Jacob lay with Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. – Genesis 29:30*

**Leah's children:**

**Reuben** – means "Behold a son"

*It is because the LORD has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now. – Genesis 29:32*

**Simeon** – means "heard\_"

*Because the Lord has heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too. - Genesis 29:33*

**Levi** – means "attached"

*Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons. – Genesis 29:34*

**Judah** – means "Praise"

*This time I will praise the LORD. – Genesis 29:35.*

2 more sons (Issachar and Zebulun) plus a daughter, Dinah

**Leah's story teaches us...**

- The effect of your life cannot be measured within the time span of the few decades you are on earth.
- You cannot judge people on external appearances.
- We need time and distance to understand what God is doing through our lives.

*I have been reminded of your sincere faith which first lived in your grandmother, Lois, and in your mother Eunice and I am persuaded, now lives in you also. --2 Timothy 1:5*

*May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together build up the house of Israel" – Ruth 4:11*

"Only one life. It will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last." -- C.T. Studd