



The Beginning of God's Story

Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel

Hear It: Genesis 29

Jacob traveled far after escaping his brother. He came across a well and saw that there was a beautiful woman watering sheep there. Her name was Rachel. He fell in love and rolled a heavy stone off the top of the well in order to impress her. He discovered that his family was close to Rachel's family. Rachel's father, Laban, came out and embraced Jacob. He brought Jacob home and let him stay with them. Jacob served Laban for a month because he was a hard worker. Laban asked Jacob what he would like to have for his wages. Instead of asking for money, Jacob asked if he could marry the beautiful woman Rachel, for he had fallen in love with her. Now Rachel had an older sister named Leah. Unlike Rachel, Leah was not a beautiful woman. Laban agreed and told Jacob that he would have to work for seven years to marry Rachel.

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Jacob worked for those seven years, but he loved Rachel so much that it seemed like a few days. On the day they got married, Laban tricked Jacob. Instead of giving Rachel to Jacob to be his wife, he gave Leah instead! When Jacob woke up the next morning he discovered that he hadn't married Rachel, but Leah! He angrily talked to Laban. Laban explained that he wouldn't give his youngest daughter away in marriage if the oldest was unmarried. He made a deal with Jacob then and there - if Jacob married Rachel, he would have to work another seven years. Jacob agreed, married Rachel, and worked for another seven years. Between the two of them, Jacob had twelve children all together.



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- After Jacob escaped his brother, he went to find somewhere to go, so he went to Laban's house, for Laban was close to his family.
- There, he met and fell in love with Rachel.
- He promised Laban he would work seven years in order to win her hand in marriage.
- Laban tricked Jacob and made him marry Leah, Rachel's older sister instead.
- Instead of honoring God and being content with one wife, Jacob broke God's commands on marriage and married Rachel as well.
- They had many children, but their family had lots of problems because of the ungodly way Jacob was married.

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PSALM 143:10

Teach me to do
Your will, For You
are my God; Let
Your good Spirit
lead me on level
ground.

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Reflection Questions

- Whose home did Jacob run too after escaping Esau?
Laban.
- What was the name of the daughter that was beautiful that Jacob fell in love with?
Rachel.
- What was the name of Rachels older sister who was not beautiful?
Leah.
- How did Laban trick Jacob?
He promised Jacob that he could marry Rachel but he actually married Leah.

Challenge Question: How will you follow God this week?