Bible 101

Lesson 17 - Jacob Works for a Wife

Genesis 29:1-30:24

Genesis 29:1-12

Describe how Jacob meets Rachel.

Genesis 29:13-20

- 1. Jacob falls in love with Rachel. How does he secure her hand for marriage?
- 2. Why does Laban approve of this arrangement?

Genesis 29:21-30

- 1. Paul warns us to beware of what we sow because it will determine what we reap. How does that ring true in the story of Jacob?
- 2. Rebekah loved Jacob more than Esau. Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah. What sin is the Scripture warning us about?

Genesis 29:31-35

- 1. God showed sympathy toward Leah by blessing her with children. What stands out about the names of her third and fourth sons?
- 2. How did the names of Leah's sons reflect her feelings about her marriage?

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Genesis 30:1-13

- Rachel's frustrations boil over. What earlier story in Genesis does this passage echo?
- 2. How does Rachel depict this competition with her sister in 30:8?

Genesis 30:14-21

- 1. Does God continue to sympathize with Leah's difficult position?
- 2. How many children did God bless Leah with?

Genesis 30:22-24

- 1. Before Rachel, what other women in Genesis struggled to conceive and bear children?
- 2. In Genesis 8:1, the Scripture says, "God remembered Noah." In Genesis 19:29, God remembered Abraham. In Genesis 30:22, He remembered Rachel. What does Scripture emphasize in each of those examples?