

Bible Summary - Genesis 29

Life isn't fair but God is

Leah is the ugly overlooked sister of beautiful Rachel. She is used by her own father for financial gain and unloved by Jacob her deceived husband. God sees this and gives to her children which she thought would cause Jacob to finally love her. The children do not get Jacob's love but Leah names her fourth child Judah because with him she decides to praise God instead of try to get her husband's love. Judah becomes the line of the promised seed of Genesis 3:15 that produces King David and most importantly King Jesus. God saw and God made it up to Leah exceedingly abundantly above what she could ask or think – Ephesians 3:20. Leah provides hope for all who have experienced the bite of the serpent that has broken humanity.

Scriptures

Genesis 29:15-34; Isaiah 61:1-7; Genesis 3:15; Matthew 20:16; Ephesians 3:20; James 1:27; 1 Corinthians 1:27, 12:24-25; Psalm 68:5, 82:3

Bible Questions and Application

(These are here as an aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through every question listed.)

1. Do we have Rachel hopes that end up like Leah disappointments?
 - a. Describe a hope that ended in disappointment for you?
 - b. Is there anything wrong with having high hopes?
 - c. Why does the narrative of the Bible seem to indicate that even the best earthly hopes will disappoint?
 - d. When is wanting a good thing, bad?
2. Why is America with a Christian heritage so sexualized?
 - a. How do we as believers witnessing the fall out of sexual immorality, push back?
 - b. How do we protect ourselves and our kids from sexualization?
3. It looks like praise (Judah) changed Leah.
 - a. What do we think praise was to Leah?
 - b. Do we believe those same things can set us free?