

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

### God's Plans > Our Expectations - Genesis 29:1-35 - "God Is Undeterred by Human Deception"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Have you ever been deceived (or been deceptive toward somebody else)?  
What was the situation and did you experience any consequences (as the deceiver or the one who was deceived)?  
How does this relate to what we see in Genesis 29:1-35?  
How do verses like Romans 8:28 and Genesis 50:20 give perspective and even real hope when we've been deceived?  
What does this reveal about the goodness and sovereignty of our God over everything?  
How is it that God is not responsible for the deceptions/sins of people if He uses these actions to accomplish His will?
3. How does God's treatment of Leah reveal how God looks at things differently than people?  
Read 2 Samuel 16:7 & John 7:24 - how do these verses shed light on passages like Genesis 29?  
How do the meanings of the names of Leah's four sons from verses 31-35 help to reveal her progression in hoping in the Lord?  
How does God's blessing of Leah ultimately lead to the blessing of all of us? *\*consider Judah's descendants.*
4. For the benediction, I shared 1 Corinthians 1:26-31.  
How does this passage relate to how we see the Lord working through Leah (as opposed to Rachel) in Genesis 29?  
How do these verses lead us to humility in our lives and eliminating boasting in ourselves (& to boast in the Lord instead)?  
Have you struggled with thinking more highly of yourself than others (also seen in thinking of others as less than you)?  
How does this passage lead us to repent of our self-reliance and give praise to God for His great grace in saving us?  
*\*Take time to pray and invite the Holy Spirit to reveal any ways that you've been relying upon yourself as opposed to resting in Christ.*
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?  
**GOD WORKS IN UNEXPECTED WAYS:**  
**THROUGH HUMAN DECEPTION/SIN**  
Laban's sin is wrong regardless of God's work!  
*God's work through sinners doesn't justify sin!*  
**THROUGH THE SEEMINGLY UNIMPORTANT**  
God uses Leah, not Rachel, in Christ's lineage!  
*God works significantly through the insignificant!*  
**\*\*GOD WORKS IN WAYS THAT ONLY HE CAN SO THAT HE GETS ALL THE GLORY!**