

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

God's Plans > Our Expectations - Genesis 30:1-24 - "God's Chosen [Dysfunctional] Family"

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. In Genesis 30:1-24 (& even 29:31-35) how do you see the brokenness of sin in Jacob and his family?
What specific sins do you see and how do they impact the relationships within the family?
As you look at your life, do you see past areas of brokenness and sin where relationships have also been negatively impacted?
If so, how have you been able to grow and learn from those experiences, and where have you seen God's faithfulness?
How does Genesis 30:1-24 encourage you in in this area? (consider how God will work through these sons in the future)?
3. Have you ever had a deep desire for something that didn't appear to be happening (and possibly still hasn't happened)?
How did you navigate that situation and did you struggle with contentment in the Lord (or are you currently struggling in that)?
How do we go about finding contentment (or "choosing") contentment in the Lord and how does that help us in those times?
4. As you look at the relationship between Leah & Rachel, what impact does envy/jealousy have on both of them & how they behave?
What is the root cause of envy/jealousy in their lives (& ours) and how can we combat it when it comes into our own hearts?
**consider keeping things in perspective and the role sincere gratitude to the Lord plays in the attitudes of our hearts.
5. For the benediction, I shared Psalm 86:4-7 -
How do these verses coincide with the way God works even through human brokenness to demonstrate His glory/grace?
*4 Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.*
*5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.*
*6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.*
*7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.*
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
GOD WORKS THROUGH IMPERFECT PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PERFECT PLANS!
(In light of this, we should all do the following:
 1. CONFESS YOUR IMPERFECTIONS - SINS
 2. TRUST IN THE PERFECT ONE - JESUS