

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

### God's Plans > Our Expectations - Genesis 30:25-31:16 - "God's Gracious Provision"

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. Can you think of a situation in your life when you've been mistreated, yet the Lord has sustained and blessed you through it?

Were you able to see God's hand providing for you while you were in the midst of that season, or only after the fact?

Did you observe the Lord working through you in that season or using that season in a beneficial way after going through it?

How do Jacob's words in Genesis 31:1-16 reveal his observations throughout Laban's mistreatment of him?

Do you learn anything from Jacob as it comes to your own walk with the Lord (and enduring mistreatment)?

Why is an eternal perspective so important when we walk through hardships in this life?

3. Read Genesis 31:12-13.

In these verses the Lord tells Jacob that He has seen all Laban has done to him (& reveals what He's done because of it).

What impact do you think this knowledge had on Jacob as he walked through this season?

Have you ever struggled with questioning whether God was there or even real because of circumstances you were enduring?

How does the knowledge that no mistreatment or injustice goes unnoticed by God impact you?

Does it help you to know that God has not forgotten you and that these actions are not simply ignored?

Why is the justice of God so important in the face of such circumstances, and what does God call us to do in them?

4. How does God reiterate His promises to Jacob in this passage?

In what specific ways do we see partial fulfillment of God's promises to Jacob in this section of Scripture?

How does seeing the faithfulness of God keeping His Word to Jacob encourage us when we look at the promises of Scripture?

Do you personally struggle to believe the promises of God that are recorded in His Word?

What are some challenges that can lead us to question God's faithfulness and if He'll keep His Word?

Also, how can we combat the lies of the Enemy that may tempt us to doubt the Lord, question His Word, or

*\*Consider Psalm 145:17, 2 Peter 3:1-13, Luke 24:36-49, Hebrews 10:23, 1 Corinthians 1:9.*

5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?

**Jacob endures hardship with perseverance!**

*God's timing is always right; trust in His ways!*

**God continues fulfilling His promises to Jacob!**

*God is faithful in all He says; trust in His Word!*

**Jacob isn't perfect, but he trusts in Him who is!**

*God's salvation is only by grace; trust in Jesus!*