

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

God's Plans > Our Expectations - Genesis 34:1-31 - "One Wrong + Another Wrong ≠ Anything Right"

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 sinned against and then responded in your anger/hurt/frustration in a sinful way?  
How did things progress from that point, and what was the outcome in the end?  
What did you learn from that experience and how did the Lord use it to grow you?  
How does Genesis 34 help us to see the dangers in retaliating in our anger and on our own terms?  
\*Consider what Genesis 49:5-7 indicates about Simeon and Levi as well in the dangers of this sinful type of response.
3. Do you have an emotional response when you consider this egregious sin against Dinah?  
What about the sins of Simeon and Levi in response?  
Are there other sins that cause you anger and grief when you think about them?  
How do we avoid sinning in our own anger when we are rightfully angered/grieved over the sin of this world?  
Are you as angered by your own sins as you are by the sins of others that have caused harm to you or your loved ones?  
What are some steps we can take to prevent sinning in our anger (& how does God's Word make all the difference)?
4. Do you ever ruminate over past wrongs against you (or even your own past sins)?  
How does dwelling on these things set you up for further hit and stunted growth in your walk with The Lord?  
How does the gospel change everything and provide a real hope despite whatever our past experiences have been?  
What are we called to dwell upon (Phil. 4:8-9) and where are we to fix our eyes (Heb.12:1-2)?  
How do these commands lead us away from bitterness/resentment and towards Christ-likeness in our lives?
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
  1. **The brothers are rightfully angered over sin!**  
*Sin/injustice lead to grief/anger in God's people!*
  2. **The brothers unrighteously respond IN sin!**  
*Responding to sin with sin is never justifiable!*
  3. **Jacob's concern of retribution is legitimate!**  
*Retaliatory sin often leads to escalating evil!*
  4. **Deceiving others in God's name is wicked!**  
*Never use God's Word to abuse/trick others!*
  5. **Don't take matters into your own hands!**  
*Trust in the righteousness & justice of our God*