

Finding Your Roots > Genesis 29:31 – 30:24

29:31-35 Leah – the unloved wife – ends up being blessed by the Lord, who allows her to bear four sons to Jacob. Each son’s name speaks to how Leah sees her own situation and reflects her desperate desire for Jacob’s love.

30:1-13 Rachel is unable to bear any children. Nevertheless, she doesn’t want to potentially lose favor with Jacob, so she comes up with a plan: she gives her servant to Jacob to bear sons on her behalf. Leah follows suit with her servant. This results in adding four more sons to Jacob’s family tree.

30:14-21 The rivalry continues when Reuben finds some mandrakes, which were thought to have special powers in those days. When Rachel finds out, she and Leah make a deal: Leah will give some mandrakes to Rachel and Rachel will allow Leah to spend time with Jacob – which results in two sons and a daughter for the family tree.

30:22-24 The Lord has compassion on Rachel: she bears Joseph and hopes for more sons in the future.

Context: God had promised Jacob that the covenant made to Abraham – including a family – would continue through him.

Aim: God will accomplish all that He has promised, even in spite of our sins and failures.

Gospel: The Lord has mercy on broken people – His grace is for our good even when we don’t deserve it.

Applications: Do you increasingly hate sin and the sorrows that it brings? Will you trust the Lord for grace you don’t deserve and cannot earn?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
