



Welcome + Opening Prayer

Genesis 29:13-35

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Explore + Apply

1. What has been your experience of Lent this year so far, especially as we have journeyed through Genesis together?

2. What do you think Jacob and Leah had in common? What might you have in common with them? How do you long to be seen by the important person(s) in your life— by your spouse, by your dad... ? What if you had it, would make you feel OK?

3. How does God's grace in your life feel like slow progress? How do you experience what Leah seemed to experience— being between two worlds, caught in cycles of misplaced longings for a husband and children to satisfy, and trusting God for her satisfaction? Share an example from this past week.

Pray

- Our Father, who art in heaven
- Hallowed be Thy name
- Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
- Give us the day our daily bread
- And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
- Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil.

THEMATIC SNAPSHOT

Unmet longings and pseudo-saviors.

GROUP SCHEDULE - SPRING

consider participating in holy week together and having an easter meal to celebrate

*next meeting:
week of May 5*

Home Groups are a vital part of shared life and growth in Christ. Here, we build community, deepen relationships, and discover and live the Christian life together.

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13 As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, 14 and Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh!" And he stayed with him a month.

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" 16 Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. 18 Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." 19 Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." 20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." 22 So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. 23 But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. 24 (Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) 25 And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" 26 Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. 27 Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." 28 Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. 29 (Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.) 30 So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years.

31 When the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. 32 And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "Because the Lord has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me." 33 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon. 34 Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. 35 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the Lord." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.