

Chapter 10 Resources

When Love Fails, God's Love Prevails

Beauty *Rises* Again

From Brokenness to New Beginnings



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Bible Reading Strategy

G Glance over the passage. Identify subheadings, unknown words, and repeated words. What do you think this passage will be about?

R Read the passage three times. What new information did you uncover each time you read?

O Observe what you read. Pray that God show you what He wants you to learn through this passage. Observe glimpses of Jesus.

W Write out your thoughts, repeated phrases or words, and how they relate to your situation.



Let your face
shine on your
servant; save me
in your
unfailing love.
Psalm 31:16 (NIV)



Genesis 29:1-9

So, Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the East. ² And he looked and saw a well in the field; and behold, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks. A large stone was on the well's mouth. ³ Now all the flocks would be gathered there; and they would roll the stone from the well's mouth, water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the well's mouth. ⁴ And Jacob said to them, "My brethren, where are you from?" And they said, "We are from Haran." ⁵ Then he said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" And they said, "We know him." ⁶ So he said to them, "Is he well?" And they said, "He is well. And look, his daughter Rachel is coming with the sheep." ⁷ Then he said, "Look, it is still high day; it is not time for the cattle to be gathered together. Water the sheep and go and feed them." ⁸ But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together, and they have rolled the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep." ⁹ Now while he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's

Luke 15:9-17

sheep, for she was a shepherdess. ¹⁰ And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. ¹¹ Then Jacob kissed Rachel and lifted up his voice and wept. ¹² And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's relative and that he was Rebekah's son. So, she ran and told her father. ¹³ Then it came to pass, when Laban heard the report about Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. So, he told Laban all these things. ¹⁴ And Laban said to him, "Surely you *are* my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him for a month. ¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you *are* my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what *should* your wages be?" ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were delicate, but Rachel was beautiful in

Luke 15:17-25

form and appearance. ¹⁸ Now Jacob loved Rachel; so, he said, “I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.” ¹⁹ And Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me.” ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her. ²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her. ²² And Laban gathered together all the men of the place and made a feast. ²³ Now it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴ And Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah as a maid. ²⁵ So it came to pass in the morning, that behold, it was Leah. And he said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?” And Laban said, “It must not be done so in our [c]country, to give the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still

Luke 15:26-35

another seven years.”²⁸ Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her week. So, he gave him his daughter Rachel as wife also.

²⁹ And Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as a maid. ³⁰ Then Jacob also went into Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Labal still another seven years. ³¹ When the LORD saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.

³² So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said, “The LORD has surely looked on my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me.”

³³ Then she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Because the LORD has heard that I am [f]unloved, He has therefore given me this son also.” And she called his name Simeon. ³⁴ She conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Now this time my husband will become 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, “Now I will praise the LORD.” Therefore, she called his name Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

5-Day Study

First Impressions & God's Guidance

Day 1

Read: Genesis 29:1-14

Key Verse: "Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east."

Reflection: As Jacob journeyed to a new land, this territory was not new to God. God knew what lay ahead for Jacob and the meet-up at the well with Rachel was no chance encounter. God can use these ordinary moments to accomplish His plan.

Questions:

1. When have you seen God working through what you thought was a chance encounter?

2. How can you become more aware of God in your everyday life?

Challenge: Find one "ordinary" moment today and intentionally thank God for being present in it.

Complete: _____

5-Day Study

Work, Love, & Motivation

Day 2

Read: Genesis 29:15-20

Key Verse: “So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.”

Reflection: Love transforms effort. What could feel long and exhausting instead feels meaningful and even joyful. This challenges us to examine what fuels our actions: duty, pressure, or genuine love.

Questions:

1. Who or what motivates your work and responsibilities?

2. Are you serving others with the right heart?

Challenge: Choose one task today and do it with intentional love and joy, regardless of how you feel.

Complete: _____

5-Day Study

Deception & Consequences

Day 3

Read: Genesis 29:21-17

Key Verse: “In the morning, behold, it was Leah!”

Reflection: Jacob who was once the deceiver is now deceived. His story is a great reminder for us all that our actions often carry consequences. Even through all this drama, God was shaping Jacob’s character and teaching him a meaningful lesson.

Questions:

1. How does God use consequences to grow us in our spiritual walk with Him?

2. Have you experienced a moment when your actions back to you?

Challenge: Practice complete honesty today in your words, actions, and intentions.

Complete: _____

5-Day Study

Comparison, Rejection, & Worth

Day 4

Read: Genesis 29:28-30

Key Verse: "He loved Rachel more than Leah."

Reflection: Picking favorites can create pain and insecurity. Leah's story highlights the damage caused by comparison. Fortunately, our worth is not defined by what others think. It is only God's view of us which truly matters, and He loves us.

Questions:

1. Write about a time when you struggled with comparison.

2. How can favoritism affect relationships and identity?

Challenge: When you catch yourself participating in the comparison game, pause and thank God for one unique blessing in your life.

Complete: _____

5-Day Study

God Sees & Responds

Day 5

Read: Genesis 29:31-35

Key Verse: “When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb..”

Reflection: Just when Leah thought God wasn’t listening, her womb opened. God opened her womb to not only one child but to four. Between Leah, Rachel, and their two handmaidens, they would give birth to the 12 tribes of Israel. God will bless us in His time. Keep the faith.


Questions:

1. What does this passage reveal about God’s heart toward the hurting?
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2. Read the names and meanings of Leah’s children. How do they relate to her story?
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Challenge: Go to God in prayer with a specific burden. Write down ways in which you see God slowly begin to reveal that He is listening.

Complete: _____



I WILL
PRAISE
THE
LORD.
GENESIS
29:35

Beauty Rises Again

Ladies Devotional Book

Every minute of the day, you attempt to survive in a world consumed with loss, heartache, natural disasters, war, abuse, trafficking, hopelessness, and fear. Depression and anxiety make it difficult for you to find the strength to climb out of bed each morning. You want to press on and move forward, but shame and regret keep you chained to your past.

But then, you meet a man named Jesus. Through Him, you discover joy unimaginable and your life is transformed. You realize your past does not define you; Jesus does. You glance in the mirror and notice a chain is gone. Jesus' unconditional love for you broke it. Another chain falls to the floor because He forgave you.

One by one, His strength slowly breaks the chains of bondage and heals you from the inside out. You begin to grow in your spiritual walk and others see Jesus living in you. Then beauty rises again as you heal from the inside out and your brokenness becomes an opportunity for a new beginning.

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