



Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis 29:1-30

Title: Jacob in the Mirror

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Discussion Starter – Have you ever had a situation similar to Jacob, where you were wronged in a way that revealed something pointed back to yourself? How does God use these “mirror moments to grow us in our walk with Him?

Genesis 29:1-20

1. How do we see God’s sovereignty, grace and provision on display in this chapter? Even though we know that Jacob doesn’t deserve it?
2. Describe Jacob’s attitude as he interacts with the shepherds at the well. What is revealed about his character at this point in his life?
3. Why do you think Jacob showed up empty handed as he arrived in Haran, when he knew he was there to find a wife for himself?
4. Why do you think Jacob wept after met and then kissed Rachel?
5. What are some of the things you think Jacob told Laban and how did it grow him closer to God?
6. What tactic do you think Laban had in mind when he said “shall you serve me for nothing”?
7. Why do you think Jacob was so willing to work for 7 years for Rachael? What can we learn about Jacob’s willingness to serve Laban? How willing are we to serve the Lord? Read John 15:9-13.
8. What do you think God is teaching Jacob through the 7 years of service to Laban for Rachel?
9. We know that God wants love to be the motivator of how and why we serve Him. What are some of the things that can get in the way of love being the motivation for our service to Him?
10. What is your motivation to go to church, pray, read your Bible, serve God? Do you ever find yourself doing those things out of “duty or routine”? If so, how can we overcome this attitude?

Genesis 29:21-30

11. Why do you think Laban deceived Jacob? How did he defend his actions? Read Psalm 18:25-27
12. What did Jacob learn by being deceived, that caused him to see his own reflection in the mirror?
13. How do you see God growing Jacob, by Jacob’s response to Laban’s deceit?
14. Why is it important for us as Christians to not have a “victim” mentality? Read Matthew 10:29.
15. How does Godly character enable us to properly use God’s gifting to us in our lives?
16. The message on Sunday proclaimed that “Without Godly character we turn God’s blessings into a Giant Mess”. What are some of the Godly blessings can recall that you have you turned into a “Giant Mess”?
17. In comparing Jacob and Eliezer, what do we notice about each man in their journey? Describe how each man goes about his journey and what his relationship looks like with God?