

**Family**

**Life!**



**FAMILY LIFE...  
IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING**

**REFER TO GENESIS 29-30**

**TEXTS: GENESIS 29:16-35 (NIV)**

**GENESIS 30:1-2,14-16**

## **GENESIS 29:16-35 (NIV)**

**<sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was lovely in form, and beautiful.**

**<sup>18</sup> Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, “I’ll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.”**

**19** Laban said, “It’s better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.” **20** So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

**21** Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to lie with her.”

**22 So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. 23 But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and gave her to Jacob, and Jacob lay with her. 24 And Laban gave his servant girl Zilpah to his daughter as her maidservant.**

**25 When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn’t I? Why have you deceived me?”**

**<sup>26</sup> Laban replied, “It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. <sup>27</sup> Finish this daughter’s bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work.” <sup>28</sup> And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.**

**29 Laban gave his servant girl Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her maidservant. 30 Jacob lay with Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years.**

**31 When the LORD saw that Leah was not loved, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.**

**32 Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, “It is because the LORD has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now.”**

**33 She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “Because the LORD heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too.” So she named him Simeon.**

**34 Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” So he was named Levi.**

**35 She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “This time I will praise the LORD.” So she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children.**

## **GENESIS 30:1-2 (NIV)**

**<sup>1</sup> When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister. So she said to Jacob, “Give me children, or I’ll die!”**

**<sup>2</sup> Jacob became angry with her and said, “Am I in the place of God, who has kept you from having children?”**

## **GENESIS 30:14-16 (NIV)**

**<sup>14</sup> During wheat harvest, Reuben went out into the fields and found some mandrake plants, which he brought to his mother Leah. Rachel said to Leah, “Please give me some of your son’s mandrakes.”**

**<sup>15</sup> But she said to her, “Wasn’t it enough that you took away my husband? Will you take my son’s mandrakes too?”**

**“Very well,” Rachel said, “he can sleep with you tonight in return for your son’s mandrakes.”**

**<sup>16</sup> So when Jacob came in from the fields that evening, Leah went out to meet him. “You must sleep with me,” she said. “I have hired you with my son’s mandrakes.” So he slept with her that night.**

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