

HOMECELL NOTES

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I WILL STAND MY WATCH
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WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell.

WORSHIP

Prepare Praise and Worship for the Homecell gathering (1 Praise & 1 Worship song)

WORD

Ask a few cell members to read Genesis 29:15-20, Genesis 29:26-27

QUESTION 1: Over and over in the Bible we read that Jacob loved Rachel. The 7 years he had to work for Laban to secure her as his wife “*seemed only a few days to him because of the love he had for her.*” How does your love toward God, someone or something effect your service or sacrifice?

Answer: If you love God or someone, you never focus on the sacrifice or on what you must give up. Service and sacrifice are a small thing in comparison to the love you have toward God or another person.

The only way to be effective for God is to fall in love with God!

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QUESTION 2: Symbolically, in this passage, Rachel represents the ultimate experience, Rachel represents your pursued dream, Rachel represents your desired vision, Rachel represents what you first experienced when you fell in love with Jesus. What would you say does Leah then represent in this passage?

Answer: Leah represents the second best while Rachel represents the best. Leah represents religion while Rachel represents relationship. Leah represents survival while Rachel represents revival.

The question you must answer yourself – in any aspect of your life - will you live with Leah, the less, or will you contend for Rachel, the best?

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QUESTION 3: What are some of the sacrifices you had to make to ensure a happy marriage, well adjusted and disciplined children, a flourishing career, or a growing business?

QUESTION 4: So many people living in this day and age are so willing to settle for second best. Why is it never a good idee to settle for second best?

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Don't live with Leah if you are in love with Rachel. Don't settle for Leah, the second best, when God promised you Rachel, the best! Don't live with weakness if you love strength. Don't live with addiction if you love freedom. Don't live with dead dry religion if you've ever experienced the rain of the Holy Spirit!

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Ask a few cell members to read Genesis 29:23-25, 1 Peter 5:8-9, 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 MSG Bible

QUESTION 5: While Jacob was focusing on the party, a sneaky switch took place... Rachel was replaced with Leah. The devil is still using the same tactics on us today. How can we protect ourselves against these sneaky tactics of the enemy?

Answer: We need to realize that the devil is not our friend, he is our enemy! Don't ever flirt with the enemy! Stay off his turf! We need to be alert, and we need to pay attention to what is going on in our world. Like never before we need to stay true to our convictions. For our own safety we must surround ourselves with like-minded Christian friends.

QUESTION 6: What would you say are some sure signs that the enemy is trying to switch God's best for us with something mediocre?

Answer: We should be very careful when we start losing our passion, our fire, and our zeal. The moment we lose the desire to do what God has called us to do or lose our focus of attaining what God has set out for us to attain, it's a sure sign the enemy is setting us up for a sneaky switch.

Ask a cell member to read Genesis 29:18 & 26-27

QUESTION 7: What do you learn from these verses in line with the price we have to pay for God's best?

Answer: Leah was cheap! Rachel cost Jacob twice as much, but Rachel was worth the sacrifice!

There are no marked-down specials on your dreams. It will cost you more than you think!

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WORKS

Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you. (Ephesians 3:20 The Passion Translation)

Pastor At declared that 2024 will be our year of **OVERFLOW!** Set out a few minutes to pray and declare God's overflow over every individual and every family.