

**Focus Verse**

*“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?’ ” – Genesis 29:25*

**FIRST DAY: Read the notes and the references.**

1. Use this space to record how you have seen God’s activity during the week. (How has He provided, answered, comforted, reconciled, guided, etc.?)
2. What truths from the week’s verses, lecture, notes or discussion most clearly apply to your life?

**SECOND DAY: Read Genesis 29:1-14.**

*Jacob met Laban’s daughter Rachel at the well near Harran.*

3. What similarities or differences do you see between Jacob’s quest for a suitable wife and Abraham’s servant’s search for Isaac’s wife? (See Genesis 24:10-32.)
4. Define the word “providence” and explain where you see God’s providence in these verses.
5. How have you experienced God’s overruling provision, sustenance or guidance in your life this year?

**THIRD DAY: Read Genesis 29:15-20.**

*Jacob agreed to work seven years for the right to marry Rachel.*

6. What happened during Jacob’s first month in Harran? What do these events reveal about Laban?
7. a. How did this arrangement benefit or challenge Jacob? What is revealed about Jacob?  
b. How does Jacob’s approach compare to how people get what they want in today’s culture?
8. a. How does God use hard life circumstances to accomplish His purposes? (See Proverbs 3:11-12; Romans 8:28; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-8.)  
b. What is God revealing to you in a hard situation you are facing now?

**FOURTH DAY: Read Genesis 29:21-30.**

*Laban deceived Jacob by disguising Leah as Rachel on the wedding night.*

9. What possible motivations did Laban have for the deception he chose? What reason did he give?
10. Describe the multiplied hurt imposed by Laban's deception.
11. In what ways did Laban's deceit cause Jacob to reap what he had sown? (See Genesis 27 and Galatians 6:7-8.)
12. How do you explain the fact that even with God's forgiveness, sin has consequences?
13. How has God disciplined and developed you through the consequences of your sin?

**FIFTH DAY: Read Genesis 29:31-35.**

*The Lord enabled Leah to bear four sons.*

14. Based on these verses, what did Leah long for?
15. God showed Leah kindness. How has God shown you kindness in the midst of difficult circumstances?
16. How could you explain Leah's progression from human disappointment to praise for God, as evidenced by the names of her sons?
17. From these verses, what truth about God means the most to you right now?

**SIXTH DAY: Review Genesis 29.**

18. What lessons in this passage provide hope or help in your current life situation? What questions do you have for God about His discipline of you?
19. Homiletics for group and administrative leaders: Genesis 29

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