

#DeathToSelfie

(4) Sister Wives

God loves to use COMPLICATED people. We're all complicated
yet God loves us and has a plan for us ANYWAY in spite of our mess.

Genesis 29

1 Then Jacob continued on his journey and came to the land of the eastern peoples. **2** There he saw a well in the open country, with three flocks of sheep lying near it because the flocks were watered from that well. The stone over the mouth of the well was large.

3 When all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone away from the well's mouth and water the sheep. Then they would return the stone to its place over the mouth of the well.

4 Jacob asked the shepherds, "My brothers, where are you from?" "We're from Haran," they replied. **5** He said to them, "Do you know Laban, Nahor's grandson?" "Yes, we know him," they answered. **6** Then Jacob asked them, "Is he well?" "Yes, he is," they said, "and here comes his daughter Rachel with the sheep."

7 "Look," he said, "the sun is still high; it is not time for the flocks to be gathered. Water the sheep and take them back to pasture **8** "We can't," they replied, "until all the flocks are gathered and the stone has been rolled away from the mouth of the well. Then we will water the sheep."

9 While he was still talking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherd. **10** When Jacob saw Rachel daughter of his uncle Laban, and Laban's sheep, he went over and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep.

11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel... and began to weep aloud."

12 He had told Rachel that he was a relative of her father and a son of Rebekah. So she ran and told her father.

God can do AMAZING things in PLACES and TIMES you're not expecting them.

14 Then Laban said to him, "You are my own flesh and blood." After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month, **15** Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."

16 Now Laban had two daughters...
the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

17 Leah had weak eyes...

*Leah had weak eyes...**but Rachel** had a lovely figure and was beautiful."*

***18** 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, I want to make love to 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 brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her."*

***24** And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant. **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?"*

God will not be mocked. Whatever a man sows that will he also reap. (Galatians 6)

26 Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. **27** Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work." **28** 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 Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her attendant. **30** Jacob made love to Rachel also, and his love for Rachel was greater than his love for Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years.

The LAW Says... if you WORK really hard and DO things RIGHT... THEN you get God.
GRACE says you get God FIRST... THEN out of APPRECIATION and LOVE you serve.

*GRACE is a much better motivator than GUILT.
That's why we give God with our TIME, our TALENTS, and TREASURE - Cause we GET to
We do out of Appreciation and Thankfulness NOT out of Guilt or Obligation
It's a privilege out of Love NOT Law - It's the natural response to Grace NOT Guilt*

APPROVAL and ACHIEVEMENT

31 When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless.

Always remember... when you HURT, it moves God's HEART!

God Selects what Man so easily Rejects.

With God in control it's never a REJECTION... it's always a REDIRECTION!

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.

Until Jesus is ENOUGH for you - "IT" will NEVER be enough either!

Genesis 30

1 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!"

2 Jacob became angry with her and said, "Am I in the place of God, who has kept you from having children?"

Just because your life looks beautiful on the Outside doesn't mean it's Fruitful on the inside

3 Then she said, "Here is Bilhah, my servant. Sleep with her so that she can bear children for me and I too can build a family through her."

4 So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife. Jacob slept with her, 5 and she became pregnant and bore him a son. 6 Then Rachel said, "God has vindicated me; he has listened to my plea and given me a son." Because of this she named him Dan.[a] 7 Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. 8 Then Rachel said, "I have had a great struggle with my sister, and I have won." So she named him Naphtali. 9 When Leah saw that she had stopped having children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. 10 Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son. 11 Then Leah said, "What good fortune!" So she named him Gad 12 Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. 13 Then Leah said, "How happy I am! The women will call me happy." So she named him Asher

Anytime you tie your happiness to someone's APPROVAL of you, you will never be happy

14 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." **15** 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." **16** 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."

17 God listened to Leah, and she became pregnant and bore Jacob a fifth son. **18** Then Leah said, "God has rewarded me for giving my servant to my husband." So she named him Issachar. **19** Leah conceived again and bore Jacob a sixth son. **20** Then Leah said, "God has presented me with a precious gift. This time my husband will treat me with honor, because I have borne him six sons." So she named him Zebulun. **21** Some time later she gave birth to a daughter and named her Dinah.

22 Then God remembered Rachel; he listened to her and enabled her to conceive.

One moment RECEIVING from God outweighs a lifetime of trying ACHIEVE without Him

23 She became pregnant and gave birth to a son and said, "God has taken away my disgrace." **24** She named him Joseph, and said, "May the Lord add to me another son."

Matthew 1

1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: **2** Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of **Judah** and his brothers...

16 ...and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Sometimes REJECTION is God's way of getting us to His ACCEPTANCE
Your PROBLEM today may end up being God's PROMISE to bless the world tomorrow
