

## ***Sister Wives***

***Beyond the Flannel graph -- Week 4***

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**Genesis 29:14-30** After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month, <sup>15</sup> 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."

<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 had a lovely figure and was 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."<sup>19</sup> Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me."<sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.<sup>21</sup> Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her."

<sup>22</sup> So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. <sup>23</sup> But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. <sup>24</sup> And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.<sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> Laban gave his servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her attendant. <sup>30</sup> 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.

### WHERE IT ALL WENT WRONG

**1. Jacob & Laban's \_\_\_\_\_ took priority over the will of God.**

1.1 In the case of Laban it was \_\_\_\_\_.

*Genesis 29:26-27 " 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."*

1.2 In the case of Jacob it was \_\_\_\_\_.

*Genesis 29:28 " And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife."*

**2. When earthly passions take \_\_\_\_\_ over God, \_\_\_\_\_ is sure to follow.**

*Galatians 6:7-8 "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup> Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."*

**3. God's will for us is a \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ for us.**

*John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

### MEMORY VERSE

*1 Timothy 2:4 "This is good, and pleases God our Savior,<sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."*