Genesis 29. Jacob's Labor of Love

First _____. Genesis 29:1-17

1. This is love at _____ as Jacob meets a ravishing beauty named Rachel.
   Leah = "weary" "pinning" **Racheal** = "
   It wasn't Jacob's plan, but Leah impacts him too!
2. **NOTE**: The wives of each of the first three patriarchs were beautiful.
   Sarah was a fair woman to look upon (12:11)
   Rebekah was very fair to look upon (24:15-16)
   Rachel was beautiful and well favoured (29:17)

Fervent _____. Genesis 29:16-30

1. **Jacob's plan was to work seven years to have Rachel as his wife.**

   - Seven years flew by for Jacob because of his _____for her.
     Solomon's description: **SOS 8:7**
     Paul's description: **2 Corinthians 5:14**; **Ephesians 3:19**
   - **Love has a way of empowering you to go through _____you have to go through to get to what God has _____for you.**
   - **FORMULA FOR BIBLICAL TRUE LOVE**
     Right Intent + Great Commitment = _____

     Look at the equation from the other direction:
     FULFILLMENT IS ALWAYS THE RESULT OF THE RIGHT _____LEADING TO GREAT _____

2. **Jacob has met his _____!** God now uses Laban here to teach Jacob a lesson on deceit!
   1 Peter 1:6-7

   - Laban offers to pay Jacob for his services (Genesis 29:15). This was good will, but Laben still tricks Jacob.
   - **Principle in the picture:** If your relationship is _____in the _____, you might not like what you _____in the _____.
   - Jacob was a _____who got _____.
     Jacob lived as a deceiver. He did exactly as Laban to both his father and brother. **Job 15:14,16**
     Compare **Jeremiah 17:9.** We need to be refined! **Proverbs 25:4**

     Jacob reaped exactly what he had sown. He had stolen the right of the firstborn, and NOW, the right of the firstborn is stealing his hopes and dreams! He can do nothing about it! **Galatians 6:7**

Favor from the Lord. Genesis 29:31:35

1. **Jacob did not seek to put away Leah. He has some integrity!**
   - He was willing to serve Laban another seven years for Rachel. Now he is married to 2 women. Trouble!
   - Leah is hated.
   - God favored Leah in her affliction, teaching Jacob that Leah was worth favor. Exo 21:10-11; Deut 21:15-17; 24:1-4

2. **At first, Leah was looking for contentment thru Jacob verses her relationship with God!** A wife should naturally look to her husband for love – but God must be first in her life! **Luke 14:26**
   - **Ruben:** "see? A son"
   - **Simeon**: "the Lord heard" Compare: "Ishmael," = "God hears," **16:15**).
   - **Levi**: named because of her belief that through child bearing, Jacob would love / be attached to her.
   - **Vs 34: Finally, by the fourth son Leah was looking to the Lord. Vs 35 Judah** = "let Him be praised."

3. God blessed Leah!
   - Levi was the father of the _____tribe
   - Christ came thru _____. Gen 49:10, Mat 1:2-3

4. Racheal was loved, but there was strife between her and Jacob.

Devotional Focus:

Jacob worked his tail off for his wives. Any love worth having is worth working for.

Ladies: Don't hook up with any man who won't _____ for you and won't _____ for you. *Principle* **2 Thessalonians 3:10**

Brothers: make sure you get a sister who's worth working for.

Principle in the picture: No relation works without _____, and no love lasts without _____

Jacob's son by Leah whose name was Judah becomes the ancestor of the Messiah.
KEY: God can take the bad things that have happened to you and get something good out of them for you.
Principle in the picture: No matter what bad is in your past, if you just right now to give it to God, God will start working it for your good and His glory, and He will give you a positive future in spite of the pain of your past.

Jacob: Type of the _____believer! Though he fails and falls, he quickly builds an altar by faith. He struggled, but was willing to wrestle with God (prayer) for blessing.

Esau: Gen 25-28:9 Type of the _____believer (son of Abraham and Isaac, but living for sinful pleasure. **Hebrews 12:16**