

Roots

Intro:

1 Cor 1:10-12 - the church is no place for rivalry and resentment

1 Cor 3:1-4 - yet it is our natural state - we come rooted in rejection, resentment, and rivalry and it takes a work of God to change us

Problem:

Hosea 1:1-9

pastor Brett and his wife kari just gave birth their first baby boy - river lee Schaenick

i named my son after my watch

in the bible they named after circumstances

in the case of Gen 29-30 we see that the 12 tribes of Israel are named after the rejection, resentment, and rivalry of the flesh...and God wants us to remember it

Main Idea:

where rejection grows

Where resentment grows

where rivalry grows

Grace grows all the more

Implication:

Lev 18:18

deut 6:4-12 - Israel needed to remember her roots - her history is His story

-If God could use Jacobs rejection, Rachel's resentment, and Leah's rivalry to build a theocracy

Rev 7:4-5 (Matt 1:1-2, 16 -> Gen 29:35)- If He could use the unloved wife to bring the loving Savior

He can use corrupt people like us to build His church

Application:

1 Cor 1:26-30

remember your roots

remember your history

boast in His story

Col 2:6-7

His story is still going

Action:

2 Cor 9:6-8

stop waiting for a perfect budget before you give

stop waiting for a perfect 24/7 group before you fellowship

stop waiting for a perfect routine before you get radical about your faith

stop waiting for a perfect circumstances before you rejoice

stop waiting for a perfect voice before you sing

so stop waiting for perfection as a prerequisite for participation in the church

(repentant faith is all you need)

your weaknesses are your witness that

you have been rooted in grace, that you are being built up in grace and that you are walking in grace that abounds more and more

Jacob, Rachel and Leah could not see past their own sins and they never saw the glory of God that we now see

- though we are naturally like Jacob, naturally like Rachel, naturally like Leah we are called to so much more.

Articles for further study:

<https://vimeo.com/237131008>

<http://www.barabbas.com/the-new-man/>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/dont-give-up>

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Text:

Where rejection grows

Gen. 29:31 ¶ When the LORD saw that **Leah was hated**, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.

Gen. 29:32 And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name **Reuben (see, a boy)**, for she said, "Because the LORD has **looked** upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me."

Gen. 29:33 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the LORD has **heard** that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name **Simeon**.

Gen. 29:34 Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be **attached** to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called **Levi**.

Gen. 29:35 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will **praise the LORD**." Therefore she called his name **Judah**. Then she ceased bearing.

we are naturally like Jacob - James 2:1-4 -we are just like Jacob when we bring identity politics into the church
we are called to so much more - Jn 15:8-17 (you don't need a different 242 group to belong)

Where resentment grows

Gen. 30:1 ¶ When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she **envied** her sister. She said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I shall die!"

Gen. 30:2 Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

Gen. 30:3 Then she said, "Here is my servant Bilhah; go in to her, so that she may give birth on my behalf, that even I may have children through her."

Gen. 30:4 So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her.

Gen. 30:5 And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.

Gen. 30:6 Then Rachel said, "God has **judged** me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name **Dan (vindicated)**.

Gen. 30:7 Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.

Gen. 30:8 Then Rachel said, "With mighty **wrestlings** I have **wrestled** with my sister and have prevailed." So she called his name **Naphtali (struggled)**.

we are naturally just like Rachel - Gal 5:25-26 -we are just like Rachel when we bring self help gimmicks into the church
we are called to so much more - 1 Cor 7:17-24 (you don't need a new routine to be radical)

Where rivalry grows

Gen. 30:9 ¶ When Leah saw that she had ceased bearing children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife.

Gen. 30:10 Then Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son.

Gen. 30:11 And Leah said, "Good **fortune** has come!" so she called his name **Gad (fortune)**.

Gen. 30:12 Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son.

Gen. 30:13 And Leah said, "**Happy** am I! For women have called me **happy**." So she called his name **Asher (happy)**.

Gen. 30:14 ¶ In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes (love fruits)."

Gen. 30:15 But she said to her, "**Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?**" **Rachel said, "Then he may lie with you tonight in exchange for your son's mandrakes."**

Gen. 30:16 When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night.

we are naturally just like Leah - Phil 2:1-3 -we are just like Leah when we bring our victimhood into the church
we are called to so much more - Phil 4:4-13 (you don't need a better circumstance to rejoice)

Grace grows all the more

Gen. 30:17 And **God listened** to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.

Gen. 30:18 Leah said, "God has given me my **wages** because I gave my servant to my husband." So she called his name **Issachar (he rewards)**.

Gen. 30:19 ¶ And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son.

Gen. 30:20 Then Leah said, "**God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honor me**, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name **Zebulun**.

Gen. 30:21 Afterward she bore a daughter and called her name **Dinah**.

Gen. 30:22 ¶ Then **God remembered Rachel**, and God listened to her and opened her womb.

Gen. 30:23 She conceived and bore a son and said, "**God has taken away** my reproach."

Gen. 30:24 And she called his name **Joseph**, saying, "**May the LORD add** to me another son (**Gen 35:16-18**)!"

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