

Jacob My People

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¹ Then Jacob continued on his journey and came to the land of the eastern peoples. **Genesis 29:1, NIV**

Even with family, sometimes we need a _____.

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. **Genesis 29:2-3, NIV**

Jacob began his journey home by going to a place where he could find _____.

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." **Genesis 29:4-6, NIV**

Our family is the first place we begin to enjoy _____.

Love

Meaning

Security

Significance (identity)

Relationship

Impact

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. **Genesis 29:7-10, NIV**

One _____ into community is _____.

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. ¹³ As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he hurried to meet him. He embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his home, and there Jacob told him all these things. **Genesis 29:11-13, NIV**

In many relationships there is a _____ period which is emotionally satisfying and yet _____.

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." **Genesis 29:14-15, NIV**

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith ...

²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. **Galatians 3:26,29, NIV**

"_____ " does not exist in the real world. _____ must be the defining mark of our families.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I am a member of God's family through faith in Jesus. In my Christian family I am given a clean slate and find community and connection for my life.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.