

Jacob Soulmate and the Girl Nobody Wanted

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Sin has wrecked our connection with _____.
_____ relationships are the norm.

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, 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, and I want to make love to her...**”

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?**” Genesis 29:14b-21, 25, NIV

Transactional relationships are based on an _____,
and they...

- Come with a _____.
- Are based on outward _____ rather than a desire for inward _____.
- Have an _____ that’s created by an _____ in getting what I want out of life.
- Set us up for a big _____. We frequently end up feeling _____ in the end.

Sin has wrecked our connection with _____. Idols become our source of _____ and _____.

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...

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...**”

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...”**

²² Then God remembered Rachel; he listened to her and enabled her to conceive. ²³ She became pregnant and gave birth to a son and said, “**God has taken away my disgrace.**” Genesis 29:30, 32, 30:1, 22-23 NIV

_____ causes us to build our sense of significance and peace on...

- Comparison and competition rather than _____.
- The love of people instead of the _____ of God.
- Roles rather than _____.
- Events rather than _____.

³³ “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33, NIV

Jesus Christ is the only _____ source of significance and peace. In him, we love _____ and _____ freely.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I will find my significance and peace in Jesus, and repent of relationships built on transaction or idolatry.

What’s your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.