

## LESSON 39

# JACOB ARRIVES AT LABAN'S HOUSE

*Genesis 29:1-14*

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A Time for **Assembly**: *Introduction* to gather together through ice breaker (10 minutes)

For Starting Communication:

Share briefly how you met your spouse and how your love for him/her developed.



A Time for **Adoration**: *Inspiration* to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading the Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

*Joy of My Desire*, by Jennifer Randolph

*Think About His Love*, by Walt Harrah

Scripture Reading: Genesis 29:1-14



A Time for **Admonition**: *Instruction* to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. Jacob must have heard from Rebekah how she and Isaac met each other (Genesis 22). While Abraham's servant Eliezer prayed continuously for God's guidance in finding Isaac's bride, did Jacob show a similar attitude of seeking God's guidance (29:1-4)? Read Genesis 28:1,5,20.
2. Even though Jacob was not always prayerful, what did God allow him to experience (29:4-6,9)?

3. Many Bible commentators believe that it was a case of love at first sight for Jacob when he met Rachel for the first time (29:9-11). Does the record in Genesis support this? Read Genesis 29:20 and 48:7.
4. Early on, Laban must have been aware of his nephew Jacob's inclination to deceive people. How is this suggested in the passage (29:13-14)?



A Time for **Accountability**: *Invitation* to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern)  
*(about 35 minutes)*

1. Make plans to demonstrate your love to your spouse and other loved ones.
2. Jacob cried with joy when he first met Rachel. How can married couples keep the joy in their relationship?
3. Pray for one another in the group. Share your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and personal applications of God's Word as studied in this lesson. Pray also for others outside the group who need to hear the Gospel.

## LESSON 40

# JACOB MARRIES LEAH AND RACHEL

*Genesis 29:15-30*

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A Time for **Assembly**: *Introduction* to gather together through ice breaker (10 minutes)

For Starting Communication:

Share briefly the pros and cons of working for a family-owned company.



A Time for **Adoration**: *Inspiration* to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading the Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

*Power of Your Love*, by Geoff Bullock

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*, by Haldor Lillenas

Scripture Reading: Genesis 29:15-30



A Time for **Admonition**: *Instruction* to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. How could Jacob have been saved from the costly and painful price of having to work for fourteen years to find his wife (29:18,27)?
2. What did God demonstrate by allowing Jacob to be deceived by Laban into working for him for another seven years (29:25-28)?
3. Why did Jacob not respond with rage for how Laban had tricked him so terribly (29:25-28)?

4. Was getting married mistakenly to Leah just a painful consequence upon Jacob for his previous sins (29:25,30)?
5. Did Jacob actually love just Rachel and hate Leah (29:29,30)?



A Time for **Accountability**: *Invitation* to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern)  
*(about 35 minutes)*

1. Jacob got deceived as he was overcome by his sexual desires. How can we avoid falling into sexual immorality?
2. For married couples, what will you plan to do in the coming weeks to build trust with your in-laws?
3. Pray for one another in the group. Share your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and personal applications of God's Word as studied in this lesson. Pray also for others outside the group who need to hear the Gospel.