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**ROOTS**  
*A Study in Genesis*



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**LESSON 17 GENESIS 28-30:24**

1. What truth, verse or insight in the lesson or lecture from **Genesis 23:18-27:46** impacted your life this week and how?
  
2. As you read **Genesis 28-30:24**, pray and ask God to help you see how these verses connect to your life today.
  
3. Read **28:1-5**. In your own words, summarize what Isaac says to Jacob. What are some significant differences in how Abraham planned to help Isaac find a wife? (See **Genesis 24:1-8**.)
  
4. a) After Jacob obeys and leaves to find a wife, we see child/parent issues played out once again with Esau. What stands out to you as you read **Genesis 28:6-9**?
  
- b) In what we've learned about Isaac's family in the first section of **Genesis 28** and in previous chapters, what has the Lord pressed upon you regarding your own life in the role(s) you play as parent, sibling or child?
  
5. a) **Read V10-15**. Reflect on how Jacob may have been feeling as he set out on his journey to Harran. (For insight, read **Genesis 25:27**.)
  
- b) Briefly summarize Jacob's dream and the message God gave him through the dream. How does this warm your heart regarding the Lord?

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6. a) Read **V16-22**. After he woke up from his dream, in what three ways did Jacob respond to God?
- b) Do any of Jacob's responses convict or encourage you, especially regarding any specific situation in your own life or that of your family? Explain.
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7. Read **Genesis 29:1-14**. Record a few of the similarities and differences regarding Jacob's arrival in Paddan Aram (Harran) compared to Abraham's servant's (review **Chapter 24** to refresh your memory).
8. From **V10-11** and **V17-21** highlight Jacob's feelings for Rachel as evidenced by his words and actions. (See also **V30**.)
9. Read **29:22-30** and comment on how you see Laban's "trick" affecting the following people:
- Jacob
  - Leah
  - Rachel
10. a) **Chapter 29** ends with the birth of Jacob's first four sons through Leah. What do you learn about God as you compare **V31-33** with **Genesis 16:13-15, 21:1** and **30:22**?
- b) In what current circumstance in your life does this encourage you?

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11. a) Read **Genesis 30:1-24** and describe some of the negative interaction between Jacob, Leah and Rachel.
- b) We've see the theme of jealousy several times in Genesis (and we'll see it again). Can you identify any form of jealousy taking **ROOT** in your life? If so, write a confession prayer and ask Him to help you pull out the **ROOT** so it will not grow!
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**“GOSPEL GLIMPSES”**: Throughout the Book of Genesis, we will see previews of Jesus, and a foreshadowing of the Gospel (The Salvation Story).

1. Re-read about Jacob's dream in **Genesis 28:12-15**. Then read **John 1:49-51**. According to what we read in the Gospel of John, to whom or what do you think the ladder in Jacob's dream is referring?
2. a) From **Genesis 49:9-10**, **Matthew 1:1-2** and **Revelation 5:5**, what do these verses about Jesus tell us in light of **Genesis 29:35**, and what do you find interesting?

b) In whose maternal line is Judah? Does that surprise you? Why or why not?

4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Genesis 28:15**

b) Personalize this verse and write a prayer of thanksgiving to reflect the truth that God is faithful, He is in control, and He is with you.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**