

**ROOTS**  
*A Study in Genesis*



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**LESSON 18 GENESIS 30:25- 31:55**

1. What truth, verse or insight from your study of **Genesis 28-30:24** did you hold on to, and why was it meaningful to you?
  
2. As you read **Genesis 30:25- 31:55**, pray and ask God to give you insight into the pilgrimage of Jacob and God's influence on the movement of your own life.
  
3. Read **V25-36** of **Genesis 30**. What did Jacob ask of Laban and how did Laban respond?
  
4. In **V37-43**, Jacob devises and implements a method of breeding the flocks. What were the results of Jacob's breeding method and how would you explain it? Look back to **Genesis 28:13-15** and ahead to **Genesis 31:10-13**.
  
5. a) Read **V1-13** of **Genesis 31**. What were Laban's sons complaining about and what effect did their complaints have on Jacob? What had changed with Laban?  
  
b) What did the Lord affirm to Jacob in **V3** and again in **V12-13**? Why might these affirmations have been important to Jacob, and how do you see Jacob's confidence in God reflected in **V4-13**?
  
6. In what present decision or choice are you seeking some affirmation of God's will? How would such an affirmation embolden you as you take action?

7. a) From **V14-21**, what were Rachel's and Leah's concerns, and how might that reflect their priorities? What are some ways Rachel, Leah and Jacob rationalized their actions?
- b) Have you ever had (or witnessed) an 'ends justify the means' attitude and taken matters into your own hands? If so, describe the situation and outcome.
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8. a) In **V22-42**, Laban takes his relatives and pursues Jacob. Does Laban's speech to Jacob in **V26-30** ring true in light of all you know about Laban? Why or why not?
- b) What accusation did Laban make against Jacob in **V28**? What irony or humor do you find from **V33-36** in the Laban's search for his stolen gods or in Rachel's deception?
9. a) From **V36-41**, in what ways was Jacob's service to Laban above and beyond what was required despite Laban's unfairness?
- b) What important truth about God did Jacob recognize in **V42**? What does this confession reveal about the faith of Jacob?
10. God is faithful to His people even in unfair or difficult circumstances. How has God's presence changed your experience of an unfair or difficult season and how might it have turned out differently if not for God's presence?

11. What were the terms of the covenant or treaty between Jacob and Laban in **V43-55**? Why do you think the separation from Laban was necessary for Jacob and his family?
12. a.) God **UPROOTED** Jacob after twenty years in Paddan Aram in order to bring him to the Promised Land. Has God ever **UPROOTED** you? How did He move you forward in your spiritual journey?
- b) What truth about the faithfulness of our God has taken **ROOT** in your heart from these verses?
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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).

Jacob faithfully performed his shepherding duties in the service of Laban. We see in Jacob a foreshadowing of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who cares for His sheep.

1. a) Read **John 10:1-18**. From **V3-5**, what are some of the marks of Jesus' sheep? How do they behave?

b) According to **V7-10, 28**, what does Jesus offer to His sheep that is available nowhere else?

2. Find some of the ways Jesus cares for His sheep in **V11-18**? What do you most appreciate about the Good Shepherd and/or how He has cared for you?
3. Although Jacob foreshadows Jesus as a shepherd, what are a few key differences between Jacob and Jesus from what has surfaced so far in **Genesis**?
  - a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **John 10:11**

b) Pray to the Good Shepherd that you would know His voice and follow Him.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**