

**Jacob and Rachel**  
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**Review**

- BEGINNINGS—OF THE HUMAN RACE; OF THE HEBREW RACE
- FOUR EVENTS: CREATION, FALL, FLOOD, NATIONS
- FOUR PEOPLE: ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB, JOSEPH

**We are blessed to be part of God's plan; a relationship with Him!!!**

**Here is what we see in the account of Jacob, Rachel, and Leah:**

**1) We reap what we sow.- Genesis 29:21-25**

Jacob's deception came back on him

*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.  
<sup>8</sup>Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction;  
whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*

**Galatians 6:7-8**

Potential life (eternal) long destruction  
or

Potential earthly destruction

Sow corn seeds you will reap corn (right conditions), sow watermelon seeds you will reap watermelon...sow a careless, sin filled life you will reap a careless, sin filled life, sow a Godly life, you will reap a Godly life.

**2) There are consequences for our actions.**

Jacob was on the run at the beginning because he and his mom deceived his dad!

When he had the dream he was by himself, on the run because of his choice!

As we remember from a few weeks back this would be the last time he would see his mom.

It wasn't until years later that Jacob and Esau would meet again.

Gen 35:26- didn't see his dad until the end of his life.

*Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

**Romans 12:17-18**

**3) Let the past go, move on- Genesis 29:1**

We can't go back, we can't change the yesterday or the yesteryears, but we can move forward starting today.

Usually 4 arenas when it comes to dealing with your past.

- a. Wallow in self pity because of mistakes etc.
- b. Genuine sorrow and regret for choices but giving the enemy a foothold.
- c. Continuing in sin.
- d. Recognizing one's sin, acknowledging it, making it right, and moving on following God.

*Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

**Luke 9:62**

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

**Philippians 4:8**

Jacob was now seeking to follow God's plan and he had assurance even while on the "run"!

*"I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."*

**Genesis 28:15**

**4) Even through our foolish choices (sin) God's plan prevails, let's be a part of it.**

Esau is deceived by Jacob > Jacob is deceived by Laban > that deception leads to Judah (this time I will praise the Lord); Jesus line.

*Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,<sup>3</sup> Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar.*

**Matthew 1:2-3a**

*Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.*

**Matthew 1:16**

Worship response- In response of your love for me and to know you more and walk in your ways I want to follow and seek you. I can't go back but I can move forward, from this day on I am following you I want to be a part of your plan!