

Genesis 30:25-43

Gave God the glory

God blessed Jacob's obedience

God protects his own

Family Tension

Now Jacob heard that the sons of Laban were saying, "Jacob has taken all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has gained all this wealth."

- Genesis 31:1

And Jacob saw that Laban did not regard him with favor as before. - Genesis 31:2

Then the Lord said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you."

- Genesis 31:3

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Honor Your Wife

So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah into the field where his flock was

– Genesis 31:4

Genesis 31:5-13

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman – 1 Peter 3:7

Then Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, “Is there any portion or inheritance left to us in our father's house? Are we not regarded by him as foreigners? For he has sold us, and he has indeed devoured our money.

- Genesis 31:14-15

All the wealth that God has taken away from our father belongs to us and to our children. Now then, whatever God has said to you, do.”

- Genesis 31:16

Overly Confident

So Jacob arose and set his sons and his wives on camels. He drove away all his livestock, all his property that he had gained, [...] and Rachel stole her father's household gods.

- Genesis 31:17-19

And Jacob tricked Laban the Aramean, by not telling him that he intended to flee. He fled with all that he had and arose and crossed the Euphrates, and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.

- Genesis 31:20-21

When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled, he took his kinsmen with him and pursued him for seven days and followed close after him into the hill country of Gilead.

- Genesis 31:22-23

But God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream by night and said to him, "Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad."

- Genesis 31:24

- Genesis 31:25-29

And now you have gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house, but why did you steal my gods?"

- Genesis 31:30

Anyone with whom you find your gods shall not live. In the presence of our kinsmen point out what I have that is yours, and take it." Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

- Genesis 31:32

Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds,

- Proverbs 27:23

Admission of Guilt

Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force.

– Genesis 31:31

– Genesis 31:33-35

– Genesis 31:36-41

What was torn by wild beasts I did not bring to you. I bore the loss of it myself. ***From my hand you required it***, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. [...] and ***you have changed my wages ten times***.

If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God saw my affliction and the labor of my hands and rebuked you last night."

– Genesis 31:42

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Hebrews 13:5-6

Genesis 31:43-46

Peacemaker

Genesis 31:47-55

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

– Romans 12:17-18

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