

Series: STORIES WORTH TELLING

Title: Leah the Unwanted

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Read Genesis 29:15—34.

1. How could Jacob not know he was sleeping with the wrong woman on his wedding night?
2. Why is Jacob's protest that he's been cheated so ironic? Be as specific as you can with your answer. (Refer back to Genesis 27:32-40 if you need to.)
3. Read Genesis 29:31-34. When a family member, especially a family member, compares you unfavorably to a sibling, how do you react?
4. Does it help to know that the LORD sees (and hears) all those put downs? If it does, how does that help?
5. Imagine you are Leah's best friend. You've seen her father and her husband mistreat her because she's not as beautiful as her sister. What advice and support would you give her? And if you're Leah, what advice would not be helpful to hear?
6. What happens when we have to have that "one great blessing we don't have" and God doesn't give it to us? Where have you looked for love and worth and acceptance and found it short-lived?
7. How did Kip use the phrase, "Behold, in the morning...Leah", in his message?
8. What does Kip mean by, "Our completeness is in Christ alone". How do we find that? See 1 John 4:9-10. Does that mean we don't need other things and people?
9. From verses 31-34 explain how "God does some of his best work through broken vessels". How did he do that in Leah's life? What's one way that God has used your own brokenness to build others up?
10. How long did it take for Leah to move from seeing herself as unloved to seeing herself as someone who would praise God regardless of how others love or don't love her? See Genesis 29:35. How long does it take for someone to get it, that our sense of self-worth comes from God? How deeply do you get it?