

APPROVAL OR ACHIEVEMENT?

DYING TO SELFIE, PART 3

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Genesis 29:1 - 30:22

- God can do amazing things, when you least expect it, in places you're not even looking for it.
- Not everybody who is good to you, is good for you.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. People reap what they sow.

Galatians 6:7

- You are building a "house," with your life

(Jesus) But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

Matt 7:26

Most of us are driven by either Approval or Achievement.

Leah was driven by Approval

When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless. Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, "It is because the Lord has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now."

Verse 31-32

- God selects what people reject.
- Rejection is not a dead end, it's a redirection.

Rachel was driven by Achievement

When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister. So she said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I'll die!"

Verse 30

- One moment of receiving from God outweighs a lifetime of trying to achieve without him.

Matthew 1:1-16

Like Leah, God has a plan, to bring forth Jesus in your life,

- out of your rejection,
- out of your frustration,
- out of your failures,
- out of your defects,
- out of your flaws,

God has a plan for it all, and he will turn rejection into a blessing.

** All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*