

FAMILIES



Are Messy

Recognizing Idols



Exodus 20: 3 – 5a

3 “You must not have any other god but me. 4
“You must not make for yourself an idol of
any kind or an image of anything in the
heavens or on the earth or in the sea. 5 You
must not bow down to them or worship
them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous
God who will not tolerate your affection for
any other gods.

Ezekiel 14: 3

3 “Son of man, these leaders have set up idols in their hearts. They have embraced things that will make them fall into sin.

An Idol is an alternative to God



An Idol can be a good thing that becomes an ultimate thing



**An Idol is something
you would give
anything to/for**



Genesis 29: 22-23, 25

22 So Laban invited everyone in the neighborhood and prepared a wedding feast.

23 But that night, when it was dark, Laban took Leah to Jacob, and he slept with her.

25 But when Jacob woke up in the morning—it was Leah! “What have you done to me?”

Jacob raged at Laban. “I worked seven years for Rachel! Why have you tricked me?”

Genesis 29: 25

25 But when Jacob woke up in the morning—it was Leah! “What have you done to me?” Jacob raged at Laban. “I worked seven years for Rachel! Why have you tricked me?”

**Jacob falls victim to
trickery just like his!**



Hebrews 12: 5 - 6

“My child, don’t make light of the Lord’s discipline, and don’t give up when he corrects you. 6 For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.”

**Jacob would do
anything to obtain
romantic love**



Genesis 29: 17 - 18

17 There was no sparkle in Leah's eyes, but Rachel had a beautiful figure and a lovely face. 18 Since Jacob was in love with Rachel, he told her father, "I'll work for you for seven years if you'll give me Rachel, your younger daughter, as my wife."

Genesis 29: 20 - 21

20 So Jacob worked seven years to pay for Rachel. But his love for her was so strong that it seemed to him but a few days. 21 Finally, the time came for him to marry her. "I have fulfilled my agreement," Jacob said to Laban. "Now give me my wife so I can sleep with her."

Genesis 29: 25

25 But when Jacob woke up in the morning—
it was Leah!

Jacob wasn't the only one with idols



Leah would do
anything to beat out
her sister



Genesis 29: 16 - 17

16 Now Laban had two daughters. The older daughter was named Leah, and the younger one was Rachel. 17 There was no sparkle in Leah's eyes, but Rachel had a beautiful figure and a lovely face.

Genesis 29: 18

18 Since Jacob was in love with Rachel, he told her father, “I’ll work for you for seven years if you’ll give me Rachel, your younger daughter, as my wife.”

Leah would do
anything to obtain her
husband's love



Genesis 29: 31

31 When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, he enabled her to have children, but Rachel could not conceive.

Genesis 29: 32 - 33

32 So Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, "The Lord has noticed my misery, and now my husband will love me." 33 She soon became pregnant again and gave birth to another son. She named him Simeon, for she said, "The Lord heard that I was unloved and has given me another son."

Genesis 29: 34

34 Then she became pregnant a third time and gave birth to another son. He was named Levi, for she said, “Surely this time my husband will feel affection for me, since I have given him three sons!”

Genesis 29: 35

35 Once again Leah became pregnant and gave birth to another son. She named him Judah, for she said, “Now I will praise the Lord!” And then she stopped having children.

Genesis 49: 29, 31

29 Then Jacob instructed them, “Soon I will die and join my ancestors. Bury me with my father and grandfather in the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite. ...31 There Abraham and his wife Sarah are buried. There Isaac and his wife, Rebekah, are buried. And there I buried Leah.

Rachel would do anything
to obtain a child



Genesis 30: 1

1 When Rachel saw that she wasn't having any children for Jacob, she became jealous of her sister. She pleaded with Jacob, "Give me children, or I'll die!"

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