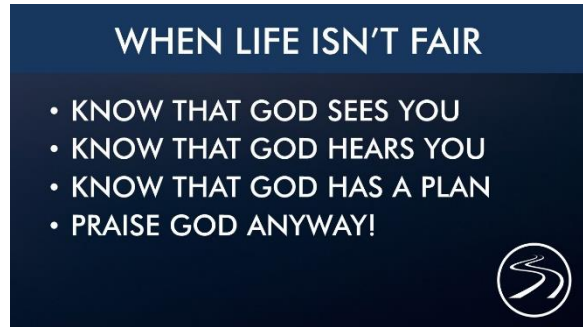


## Genesis 29 – When Life Isn't Fair

### June 21, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



#### Questions:

1. What are some things that you have missed out on because of the pandemic? How have you dealt with disappointment during this time? Share with your group.
2. What did you think about the story in Genesis 29? What stood out to you about Leah?
3. What do you remember about each of the main points of the sermon? (seen above). Did anything impact or challenge you? Do you have any questions?
4. Read Luke 10:17-21. Seventy-two of Jesus' disciples have just returned from a short mission trip during which they healed the sick, cast out demons, and preached the gospel.
  - a) What do you think Jesus meant when he said that he saw Satan fall from heaven? (See Matthew 16:18, Acts 26:16-18, and Revelation 12:7-11. How do you think Satan loses authority and influence?)
  - b) What did Jesus give his disciples authority to do? (compare Psalm 91:13 and Romans 16:20)
  - c) What were the disciples joyful about?
  - d) What did Jesus tell them should be joyful about? Why?
  - e) What was Jesus joyful about?
  - f) Why does Jesus call his disciples "little children"? (see Acts 4:13)
  - g) Why would it give God pleasure to reveal spiritual things to "little children" while keeping them hidden from others? (see 1 Corinthians 1:26-29)
  - h) How great or impressive does someone need to be for God to make them dangerous to Satan's kingdom?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
  - a) Based on this passage, how would you describe Paul's confidence in his own abilities?
  - b) What was his simple message to his hearers?
  - c) What did he demonstrate along with this message? Why?
  - d) Why do you think he had come to the Corinthians "in weakness with great fear and trembling"? Does it comfort you to know that the great Apostle Paul had fears when it came to sharing the gospel with people?
  - e) Is it possible for the Spirit's power to be demonstrated through us today? If so, how might this happen?
6. Now spend some time seeking the Lord together. Pray that God would use you despite your weaknesses and insecurities. And pray for any specific prayer needs in your group.