

February 10, 2019

**"My One and Only"**  
Genesis 29

**Ice Breaker:**

- Share the story of how your mom and dad met.
- Describe a practical joke you played on a friend. One played on you?

**Study Questions:** (READ Genesis 29:15-35)

1. What insight, principle or observation did you find to be most fresh, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. What does this passage teach you about the way God works to grow us?
3. What are Jacob's expectations for marriage? Leah's expectations?
4. What levels of irony do you see in this passage?
5. Who do you think felt the worse in this passage? Leah? Jacob or Rachael? Why?
6. In what ways have you seen God accomplish His purpose for you despite your own sin? Do you think it changed the journey you experienced in moving toward His plan?
7. How has an unsatisfying relationship worked to refine your character? Moved you closer to God? Become a hidden blessing?
8. What things in your life right now, attract your deepest admiration and pull your eyes off the Ultimate Valentine, our Lord Jesus?
9. In what ways have you seen God fill in the empty hole of your need for love, acceptance and significance?

**Pray for each other:**

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As human beings we long to be loved and accepted. We long for significance and approval. Our attempts to fill that empty hole with anything less than our true 'One and only', will only be met with disillusionment and shattered expectations. This morning's story draws us to find hope in our Ultimate Valentine.

1. The spiritual change process is messy
2. Stop demanding from others what they were never designed to provide.
3. Pursue hope in your Ultimate Valentine

**Next step:**