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## **“My Fair Lady?”** **Jacob (Part 6)**

*“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.” (Proverbs  
14:12)*

### **Led by the Eyes**

**Genesis 29:16-20** – (16) “Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. (17) Leah’s eyes were weak, **but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance.** (18) Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, ‘I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.’ (19) Laban said, ‘It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.’ (20) So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.”

**The First Choice is typically the Worst Choice**

### **Rachel’s Reveal**

**Genesis 29:31, 30:1-2** – (31) “When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. (1) When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, ‘**Give me children, or I shall die!**’ (2) Jacob’s anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, ‘Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?’”

### **Rachel’s Resentment**

**Genesis 31:17-19** – (17) “So Jacob arose and set his sons and his wives on camels. (18) He drove away all his livestock, all his property that he had gained, the livestock in his possession that he had acquired in Paddan-aram, to go to the land of Canaan to his father Isaac. (19) Laban had gone to shear his sheep, **and Rachel stole her father’s household gods.**”

### **Rachel’s Ruinous Rebellion**

**Genesis 31:30-35** – (30) “‘And now you have gone away because you longed greatly for your father’s house, but why did you steal my gods?’ (31) Jacob

answered and said to Laban, ‘Because I was afraid, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force. (32) Anyone with whom you find your gods shall not live. In the presence of our kinsmen point out what I have that is yours, and take it.’ Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them. (33) So Laban went into Jacob’s tent and into Leah’s tent and into the tent of the two female servants, but he did not find them. And he went out of Leah’s tent and entered Rachel’s. (34) Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them in the camel’s saddle and sat on them. Laban felt all about the tent, but did not find them. (35) And she said to her father, ‘Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you, for the way of women is upon me.’ So he searched but did not find the household gods.”

### **Rachel’s Real Concern**

**Genesis 35:16-18** – (16) “Then they journeyed from Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor. (17) And when her labor was at its hardest, the midwife said to her, ‘Do not fear, for you have another son.’ (18) And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni (*son of my pain*); but his father called him Benjamin.”

### **In Regards to ‘Rachel-Like’ Recommendations:**

#### **Be Led by the Holy Spirit’s Counsel**

“And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear” (Isaiah 11:2-3)

#### **For Important Commitments, Wait, Ruminates & Investigate**

“I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.” (Jeremiah 10:23)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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