



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 30	Title:	Jealousy leads to misery
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Summary of Chapter:	Jacob's two wives, Leah and Rachel, were locked in a competition to have children. Leah was jealous of her younger sister, Rachel, for having Jacob's love. Rachel, on the other hand, was jealous of Leah for being able to bear children. Each of them wanted what the other sister had, and both of them were miserable.		
Key Verses	How does it speak to me?		
<i>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!" (Gen 30:1)</i>	<p>We see how jealousy had overtaken both sisters, and from this verse, specifically Rachel. She was the prettier one, Jacob loved and favoured her more than her sister Leah; yet she was miserable because she focused on what she did not have. She was so miserable that she said she would rather die than to not have children!</p> <p>Personally, I tend to often compare myself with others, which leads to jealousy. I would feel that I'm not good enough, smart enough, confident enough, kind enough, loving enough, or even godly enough. I would feel that I need to be like them too, so that I'd be worth something. But I remember one day amidst all the comparison and feeling miserable, God spoke to me and said, "Until I am enough for you, it will never be enough."</p> <p>I really thank God, for showing me that my worth is not found in whether I'm as good as, or better than, someone else. My worth is found in Christ alone! He loves me so much that He would die on the cross for me. When I find my worth in Christ, I no longer have to compare with others and focus on what I don't have, because I already have received more than I could ever ask from Him.</p>		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	How can you grow in finding your worth in the Lord? What is one scripture verse/passage that you can memorise to help remind you of that?		
Youth:	What are some areas of comparison that you tend to fall into (e.g. grades, appearance, status, possessions)? Commit that to the Lord and ask Him to show you your worth in His eyes.		
Child:	Share something which you don't like about yourself and write it down. Have your parents or sibling share what they like about you. Compare the list and thank God for creating the beautiful		
PRAYER:			
Praying Scripture:	Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us so much that You would send Your only Son, Jesus, to die for us. May we find our worth in You alone and see that the love you have for us has already set us free from the vicious cycle of comparison and jealousy. Set us free to love others as You've loved us.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.		