
Finding God on the Run – Discovering Hope in Jacob’s Messy Life – Genesis 25-36 – Week 4

THE MORNING AFTER

Jacob’s wild wedding and God’s hope for unmet expectations | Genesis 29:1-30

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Introduction: Much of our dissatisfaction in life involves the pain of unmet expectations. You had expected a happy marriage, but it ended in divorce. You had expected children, but then struggled with infertility. You had expected a relaxed retirement, but then received the dreaded diagnosis.

In today’s passage, Jacob’s expectation was to marry the woman of his dreams: Rachel. Yet on the morning after his wedding, he was stunned to wake up next to Leah (his wife’s older and less attractive sister). This message finds lessons in this wild wedding—and it gives hope for those living in the gap between expectations and experience.

1. A Perfect Match

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3. “Whose Child Is The Messiah?”