

WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

Fairness Doesn't Make Sense (Matthew 20) – May 13-14, 2017

STUDY NOTES || SPEAKING PASTOR SHANNON ZABROSKI

// 1. LEAH & RACHEL

- Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what should your wages be?” Genesis 29:15 NKJV
- Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Genesis 29:16 NKJV
- Leah’s eyes were delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance. Genesis 29:17 NKJV

At this point, Leah’s life didn’t seem very fair!

// 2. PARABLE OF THE WORKERS

- And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, Matthew 20:11 NKJV
- Saying, ‘These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ Matthew 20:12 NKJV

Why did they complain? Because they COMPARED what they received to what the other workers received.

Comparing leads to Complaining, which then leads to a lack of Contentment, and then a belief life isn’t Fair.

Indicators you’re playing the ‘Comparison Game’:

Do you constantly feel like you’re not good enough?

Are you looking for something external to make you happy?

Are you often negative and judgmental of others?

Have you lost your gratitude for what you do have?

We're not called to COMPARE ourselves with others...we're called to be CONTENT in who Christ made us to be.

// 3. JACOB'S WEDDING

- Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her." Genesis 29:21 NKJV
- And Laban gathered together all the men of the place and made a feast. Genesis 29:22 NKJV
- Now it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. Genesis 29:23 NKJV
- And Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah as a maid. Genesis 29:24 NKJV
- So it came to pass in the morning, that behold, it was Leah. And he said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?" Genesis 29:25 NKJV

Notice! Jacob had deceived this blind father into thinking he was the oldest sibling, and now Laban deceived Jacob (when it was dark and he was blind) into marrying the oldest sibling!

- Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. Galatians 6:7 NKJV

Reuben = "Behold, a son"

Simeon = "Heard"

Levi = "Attached"

Judah = "Praise"

- "Now I will praise the Lord." Genesis 29:35 NKJV

It was with the birth of Judah that Leah made a decision that no matter the circumstances, Leah would be faithful to the Lord.

// 4. THE COMING GLORY

- For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 2 Corinthians 4:17 ESV
- As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. 2 Corinthians 4:18 ESV

Life isn't always fair, but the coming glory is beyond compare.

