

THE MARRIAGE OF JACOB (LEAH & RACHEL)

Genesis 29

Research shows that marriages have more adjustment problems if the following are true:

- Marriage is the answer to my emptiness and lack of happiness.
- Marriage is an excuse to get out of the parent's home.
- The family backgrounds of each spouse are significantly different.
- The couple is overly dependent on either extended family.
- The couple marries before age twenty.
- Either spouse has a poor relationship with their siblings or parents.
- Either spouse considers their childhood or adolescence as an unhappy time.
- Marital patterns in either family were unstable.
- Looking at marriage as rescuing or being rescued by the person you're marrying.

Jacob meets Rachel

Genesis 29:16 - 17

THREE PROBLEMS WHEN MARRIAGE IS THE ANSWER FOR YOUR LIFE.

1. YOU COMPROMISE MORE THAN YOU SHOULD.

¹⁸ Since Jacob was in love with Rachel, he told her father, I'll work for you for seven years if you'll give me Rachel, your younger daughter, as my wife.

Genesis 29:18

2. YOU BECOME VERY DEMANDING.

Genesis 29:19 – 21

Unrealistic expectations are when people do not recognize the truth about a situation, especially about the difficulties involved in something they want to achieve.

3. YOU WILL ALWAYS END UP DISSATISFIED & DISAPPOINTED.

Genesis 29:22 - 35

You seek first God, and His kingdom, and His righteousness, and then everything else will be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33