

GRACE OVER GRIT

GENESIS 30:25-31:55

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Our **BEST** laid plans

dueling deceivers 30:35-42 Proverbs 3:5-6; James 1:22

strategies and schemes 30:25-34 Proverbs 16:9; Philippians 2:3-4; Matthew 6:33

are **SUPERSEDED** by God's;

God's prevailing 30:43, 31:10-12 Isaiah 55:8-9; Proverbs 19:21

 **faithful grace** 30:43; 31:3, 9 Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Lamentations 3:22-23

hold yours **LOOSELY** and trust his **ALWAYS**.

 **eyes opened** 31:4-13 2 Corinthians 5:7; Psalm 119:18; John 20:29

future assured 31:45-55 Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 13:5

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Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

What's a time you tried to fix something and made it worse instead?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study






Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. **Read Genesis 30:25 to 31:55.** (Consider reading it from a translation like the NIV or a paraphrase like the Message to get a different feel of the narrative.) Then take some time to review your message notes. Looking back, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you this week? *Discuss it with your group before moving on.*
2. Do you see any difference or nuance in how God overcame both Jacob's and Laban's dueling schemes?
 - When have you planned or maneuvered to get ahead—like Jacob with his breeding tactics or Laban shuffling his flock (**Gen 30:37-39, 30:35**). (By the way, it might not necessarily be you scheming, it could just be you being faithful in planning.) What happened, and how did it all play out?
3. Read Proverbs 19:21.
 - How does it reshape your view of planning after seeing God override Laban's and Jacob's efforts?
 - How does this challenge or comfort you when your plans hit a wall?
4. Thinking back to Pastor Josh's closing story, what's one 'sandcastle'—a plan or dream—you're gripping tightly right now?
 - What makes it hard for you to hold something loosely, whether it's that plan/dream you just mentioned or something else? Why? Discuss how letting go might look...

WELCOME TO WAWASEE!

This is who we hope you grow to *become* at Wawasee Bible...

If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...

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1 | Receiving From God. Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?
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2 | Responding To God. How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?
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3 | Receiving From Others. Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?
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4 | Moving Toward Others. How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)
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5 | Going to those Far from God. How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Romans 5:6-10 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁶ For while we were **still** weak, at the **right time** Christ died for the **ungodly**.

⁷ For one will **scarcely** die for a **righteous person—though perhaps** for a **good person** one would **dare even** to die—⁸ but God **shows** his **love** for us in that while we were **still sinners**, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, **therefore**, we have now **been justified** by his **blood**, **much more** shall we be **saved** by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were **enemies** we were **reconciled** to God by the **death** of his Son, **much more**, now that we are **reconciled**, shall we be **saved** by his **life**.

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5. Read Ephesians 2:8-9.

⁸ God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. ⁹ It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it.

EPHESIANS. 2:8-9 (NIV)

- Where do you see this play out in Jacob's story?
- Does this grace change how you see your own failures or successes?

Taking it Home

6. After all of this, Jacob left and continued back to the Promised Land with a certain peace and hope (**Gen 31:49, 55**). But as you read ahead, it's clear he wasn't done with fear and anxiety about the future.

Read the passages below, then answer this question:

How does this promise help you face what's next, even in uncertainty? Even after a mess?

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

PSALM 139:16-17 (ESV)

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11 (ESV)

- Do you have any other verses to share with your group that are helpful toward this end?

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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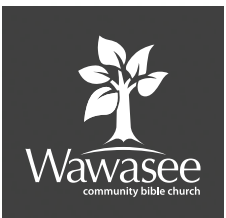
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