



“LOSING THE WEIGHT OF INSECURITY”

Genesis 29:16-30:2

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THE “HEAVY” QUESTIONS OF INSECURITY...

1. “Am I enough?”
2. “Who can I count on?”
3. “Will I be rescued?”
4. “Will I be successful?”
5. “Who will protect me?”
6. “What do others think of me?”
7. “Will I be alone?”

A CASE STUDY ON INSECURITY: LEAH AND RACHEL

1. Unguarded desires make me vulnerable to insecurity

“What do you want?” John 1:38, NIV

“Give me children, or I’ll die!” Genesis 30:1, NIV

2. Desperation doesn’t make good decisions

“Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, ‘It is because the Lord has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now.’”

Genesis 29:32, NIV

3. I become a servant to anyone whose approval I am trying to win

“Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.”

Galatians 1:10, NIV

“She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, ‘Because the Lord heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too.’ So she named him Simeon.”

Genesis 29:33, NIV

4. Only God can heal the wound of rejection

“He was despised and rejected by men...”

Isaiah 53:3, NIV

“He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.” John 1:11, NIV

“Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, ‘Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.’ So he was named Levi.”

Genesis 29:34, NIV

5. Attachment to anyone or anything out of rejection will turn to resentment

“She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, ‘This time I will praise the Lord.’ So she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children.”

Genesis 29:35, NIV

6. Wholeness comes when we become desperate for Jesus

“As we live in God, our love grows more perfect...such love has no fear because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of judgment, and this shows that his love has not been perfected in us.”

1 John 4:17-18, NLT