

# Genesis – Family: “A New Start”

Genesis 29:1-20

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*FAMILY! One of our soul’s crucibles – the slag in our lives bubbles to the surface – either we allow God to skim it off by submitting to Him, or we allow the slag to contaminate our relationships. Jacob’s journey provides a “new start” . . . or does it? Maybe it’s the same song accompanied with a new verse . . . .*

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**Context:** In an effort to “save Jacob’s life” Rebekah manipulates Isaac to send Jacob away to find a wife from her own family. Jacob, traveling with less than bare necessities, uses a rock for a pillow at his first “Motel-6” and dreams of a ladder with angels ascending to and descending from heaven – Jesus, standing at the top. The LORD establishes His covenant with Jacob to provide, care for and protect him on his journey and returning him to this land of promise. Jacob responds: Genesis 28:18-32

**Genesis 29:1-3**

**Vs. 4-6**

**Vs. 7-8**

**Vs. 9-12**

**Vs. 13-15**

**Vs. 16-19**

**V. 20**

*For Jacob . . . everything looks pretty good! Away from Esau . . . his new experience of The LORD and His covenantal promises . . . he finds his relatives, and . . . Rachel is a knockout! He has negotiated with Laban for Rachel to be his wife after 7 years of labor . . . 7 short years! My how they fly by! Everything is looking UP!*

*Our LORD does not leave unresolved issues, tho’ it’s lookin’ good . . . let’s just say, “Caution! Construction Zone Ahead!”*

*What part of this passage “caught your attention”?*

*Is God saying something to you? What is it?*

*How will you respond?*