

Genesis – Family: “Time & Life-Change”

Genesis 30:25-31:9

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What kind of circumstances foster change, growth in one’s life? Can life in a caustic environment readily change when thrust into another equally caustic setting? Perhaps it’s the new opportunity for one to *shine*; maybe a *fresh start*; could it be just the maturing process? Or, it is something else? [Consider Ps. 139:1-12]

Context: *Jacob has been in hiding from Esau for 14+ years as Laban has taken advantage of his integrity. Realizing that Laban has become wealthy thru Jacob; Jacob’s wealth is elsewhere and his wanting to see his energies benefit himself - asks Laban for release to return home. Laban’s greed perpetuates another “deal” lest he lose his cash-cow.*

Ch. 31:1-2

Vs. 3-9

Genesis 30:25-28

Vs. 29-36

Vs. 37-43

It has now been 20 years since Jacob left home in flight. The ‘deceiver’ is now a man of integrity - life change which began at Bethel and his encounter with God [Gen. 28:10-22] and continues because he couldn’t avoid God [Ps. 139:1-12] who faithfully works in our lives [Phil. 1:6; Eph. 4:20-5:1]. God, Adonai, has formally revealed Himself twice to Jacob in 20 years; Jacob has realized God’s faithful provision and protection over the years - **but** Jacob is not a committed follower/lover of God. He has choices to make . . .

*“Many people will go a long way with God,
but few people go all the way.”*

Let us hear and be what Adonai is saying/asking . . .

What part of this passage “caught your attention”?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?