



Can I be ok if my life doesn't end "happily ever after?"

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Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel." Genesis 29:18

So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. Genesis 29:20

When morning came, there was Leah. So Jacob said to Laban, "What have you done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?" Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one." Genesis 29:25-26

"Finish this daughter's bridal week; then I will give you Rachel also, in return for another seven years of work."

Jacob made love to Rachel also, and his love for Rachel was greater than his love for Leah. Genesis 29

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."

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.

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

What would you say to her?

Looking for love from broken people would never fill my heart.

The Lord saw...Leah conceived again and when she gave birth to a son she said, "This time I will praise the Lord." So she named him Judah.

And this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than the trouble. 2 Corinthians 4:17

Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: the faithful love of the LORD never ends. Lamentations 3:21-22

For a great read, see the book: Love Kindness by Barry Corey

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Have you ever been compared to someone else (OR, compared yourself to others)? How did it feel? What's the problem with doing this?

Read Genesis 29 and talk about the situation.

What do you imagine was going through Leah's head when Jacob came onto the scene?

Why do you think God allowed Leah to go through all of this? Is God cruel and unfair?

Do you think that if Leah could see far into the future would have said "it's worth it"? How does this work itself into our lives?

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