

“Blessing Out of Conflict” (Genesis 29:31–30:43)

**Big Idea: God used interpersonal conflicts to prosper his people in the end.**

- I. The Account in This Text
  - a. The Childbearing Conflict (29:31–30:24)
    - i. God gives hated Leah sons. (verses 31–35)
    - ii. Rachel and Leah enlist their slave girls. (verses 1–13)
    - iii. Rachel and Leah strike a bargain. (verses 14–21)
    - iv. God gives barren Rachel a son. (verses 22–24)
  - b. The Wages Conflict (30:25–43)
    - i. Laban retains Jacob’s service on Jacob’s terms. (verses 25–34)
    - ii. Laban’s schemes are no match for God’s blessing. (verses 35–43)
  
- II. The Applications of This Text
  - a. Remember that envy will consume your entire life.
    - i. It will consume your relationship with your neighbor.

Exodus 20:17; Proverbs 14:30; 1 Corinthians 14:4–7; Galatians 5:13–16, 25–26
    - ii. It will consume your relationship with God.

James 3:16–18; 4:1–10
  - b. Remember that God took you out of messy circumstances.

Titus 3:1–7
  - c. Remember that God advances his promises even by means of petty strife.
    - i. So don’t fear the schemes of unjust people.

Romans 12:17–21; Philippians 1:14–18a; Isaiah 54:13–17
    - ii. So trust in the Savior slain by envious men.

Mark 15:6–15; Acts 3:13–19