



"Leah: Her Story Is Our Story" – July 2023

Thoughts to Ponder

Leah's story is our story because, like her, we all have to deal with whatever life throws at us; there's no place to run and nowhere to hide.

1. Leah's father (Laban) made life miserable for her.
 - a. Describe your relationship with your father.
 - b. Was your father affirming of who you were as a child and encouraging about who you could become? Please explain.
 - c. Are you parenting like you were parented?

2. Leah was rejected by her husband Jacob in favor of her beautiful sister Rachel.
 - a. Have you ever thought your appearance was a relationship handicap? If so, please explain the situation and its impact on you.
 - b. What extreme steps have you taken to preserve a crumbling relationship that you desperately wanted to hold on to? Were your efforts successful? If not, why not?
 - c. Describe a time when you knowingly rejected someone. What lingering impact did your action have on the person? On you?

3. Though rejected by her father, her husband and her sister, Leah never stopped trusting God.
 - a. God enabled her to make peace with reality. Are you at peace with the reality of your life today? Please explain your answer.
 - b. God enabled her to persevere through her trials. Are you up against a situation today in which you're about to give up? Please explain your answer.
 - c. God sheltered Leah from life's stormy blasts and gave her hope; do you trust Him to do the same for you?

