



## Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *The Original Family Feud*

Text: Genesis 29:31-30:24

Service Date: May 25, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### Getting Started

- The show *Family Feud* was mentioned in the sermon. If you could be on any game show, which one would you choose?
- Genesis 46:21 mentions names such as Muppim, Huppim, and Ard. Does anyone in your extended family have any unique names?
- In the book *God Never Gives Up on You*, Max Lucado writes, "Our family tree has blight spots and bright spots." It's easy to focus on the negative areas of our family or things we wish were different. Are there any current bright "spots" you can share about your family (i.e. we laugh together a lot) or something that stuck out from your childhood that made a positive difference in your life?

### Sermon Discussion

- Take a moment to read the sermon text aloud in your group (Genesis 29:31-30:24). From either the text or Sunday sermon, what are things you noted that can be beneficial in your spiritual life?
- From the passage, Leah and Rachel found themselves having bitterness and animosity towards one another. When this happens with your family and/or a friend, what's your first reaction- address the issue, let it go, or something else? Do you find that your natural response is what God desires or what your human nature desires?
- Comparing our family/marriage/kids to someone else's is a dangerous trap but something that is easily done. Taken one step further, you may even feel a sense of joy when that "one family" or individual who appeared perfect is suddenly found to be not-so-perfect. Why is it easy to fall into the comparison trap with others?

- If you are on social media (Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram), it's common to see individuals posting only the highlights of their life, even though we all know that their life is never that glamorous all the time. In comparison, you then feel as though your life might not be as exciting. How do you avoid the comparison game that is so prevalent through social media? (Note: This question is geared toward those who use social media.)
- Genesis 30:1 says, "When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister." Jealousy is a natural reaction to life circumstances, especially when we think that we are due something. What are ways that we can combat jealousy and bring honor to Jesus?
- "Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. Then Rachel said, 'I have had a great struggle with my sister, and I have won.' So she named him Naphatli" (Genesis 30:7-8). What does Rachel's response reveal about her priorities and perspective? When you are jealous or bitter, what does it reveal about your priorities?
- Max Lucado writes, "I, for one, find hope in the ability of God to use a family of feuds and frictions." Knowing that God can use feuds and frictions, how should this impact your perspective in dealing with family and/or friends when there is tension?
- One of the last points in the sermon was "Human love alone is never enough." Every person needs to experience the love of God in their life. Is there someone in your life right now for which you're praying that God would allow you to build a relationship?

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## **Books Mentioned in the Sermon**

*God Never Gives Up on Us* by Max Lucado  
*Women of the Word* by Sylvia Charles

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