STUDY GUIDE

FAMILY DRAMA 10.10.21

[set up]

What was a positive experience that you enjoyed in your childhood?

What was a painful experience that you endured in your childhood?

[digging deeper]

Read Genesis 29:31-36 and Genesis 30:1-3. In this passage we learn that Leah has what Rachel yearns for and Rachel has what Leah yearns for. What kind of family drama did their jealousy produce?

Read Genesis 30:22-24. In this passage we that God pursues us even in our missteps and redeems us. When has God pursued you and redeemed you even when you have failed to follow Him fully?

Read Genesis 31:1-3, 14-16. This is the first time ever that Jacob took the lead in guiding and shepherding his family. This is also the first time that Leah and Rachel have agreed on anything. Describe a time when you experienced family unity because of following the Lord.

[living it out]

This past Sunday, we learned that...

- 1. Jealousy blinds us to God's blessings.
- 2. God pursues us even in our missteps and redeems us.
- 3. Family unity comes by uniting around God's purpose.

Which of these three reminders did you need to hear most today? Why?

Read James 4:1-3; 8-10. What is God saying to you from this passage? What is a next step you will take based on what God has said to you?

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