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Genesis 30:25-31:55

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Genesis 30:27

But Laban said to him, "If now it pleases you, stay with me; I have divined that the LORD has blessed me on your account."

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1. God had a plan for Jacob but Laban had his own agenda.

- Laban's agenda = wealth, money, riches, success, self.
- Genesis 30:35-36; 31:6-7 – Laban manipulated and deceived Jacob.
- God's agenda = A Promised Land for a Chosen People.

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2. God had a plan for Jacob but Jacob had his own agenda for fulfilling it.

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Genesis 30:37-43

Then Jacob took fresh rods of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white stripes in them, exposing the white which was in the rods. He set the rods which he had peeled in front of the flocks in the gutters, even in the watering troughs, where the flocks came to drink; and they mated when they came to drink. So the

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Genesis 30:37-43

flocks mated by the rods, and the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted. Jacob separated the lambs, and made the flocks face toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban; and he put his own herds apart, and did not put them with Laban's flock. Moreover, whenever the stronger of the flock were

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Genesis 30:37-43

mating, Jacob would place the rods in the sight of the flock in the gutters, so that they might mate by the rods; but when the flock was feeble, he did not put them in; so the feebler were Laban's and the stronger Jacob's. So the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks and female and male servants and camels and donkeys.

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2. God had a plan for Jacob but Jacob had his own agenda for fulfilling it.

- Jacob previously stole the blessing from Esau (red) with red stew in Genesis 27
- Jacob now is promised by God (31:10-13) that he will get the speckled, spotted, black sheep but instead of just trusting God he uses "white" striped rods to steal from Laban whose name means "white."

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Genesis 31:14-16

Rachel and Leah said to him, "Do we still have any portion or inheritance in our father's house? "Are we not reckoned by him as foreigners? For he has sold us, and has also entirely consumed our purchase price. "Surely all the wealth which God has taken away from our father belongs to us and our children; now then, do whatever God has said to you."

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4. What is God's plan now?

- God is King and His plans are good.
- We pray for His kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Matthew 6:9-13
- What are we messing around with? What are our sheep, goats and idols?

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4. What is God's plan now?

God calls His people to leave their agenda and pursue His plan. He calls in two main ways:

He calls through circumstances Genesis 31:1-2

He calls through His Word Genesis 31:3, 13

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