

Genesis 30 • Anti-Shalom

Ecclesiastes 2:22 What has a man from **all the toil and striving of heart** with which he toils beneath the sun?

Lamentations 3:17 my soul is bereft of peace; **I have forgotten what happiness is;**

“Well, everybody hurts sometimes, Everybody cries”

R.E.M.

Matthew 11:28-29 **Come to me**, all who **labor** and are **heavy laden**, and **I will give you rest**. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for **I am gentle and lowly in heart**, and **you will find rest for your souls**.

Matthew 11:28-29 (*The Message*) “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.

“*What does not satisfy when we find it, was not the thing we were desiring.*”

C.S. Lewis

2Timothy 3:16 **All Scripture is breathed out by God** and **profitable** for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...

Genesis 30:1 When **Rachel** saw that she bore Jacob **no children**, she **envied her sister**. She said to Jacob, “**Give me children, or I shall die!**”

Genesis 30:2 **Jacob’s anger** was **kindled** against Rachel, and he said, “**Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?**”

Genesis 25:21 And **Isaac** prayed to the **LORD** for his wife, because she was **barren**. And the **LORD** granted his prayer, and **Rebekah** his wife conceived.

Genesis 30:3 Then she said, “**Here is my servant Bilhah**; go in to her, so that **she may give birth on my behalf**, that even I may **have children through her.**”

Genesis 16:1-2 Now **Sarai**, Abram’s wife, **had borne him no children**. She had a female Egyptian **servant whose name was Hagar**. And Sarai said to Abram, “Behold now, the **LORD** has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it

may be that **I shall obtain children by her.**” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

Genesis 30:4 So she gave him her servant **Bilhah as a wife**, and Jacob went in to her.

Genesis 30:5 And **Bilhah conceived** and bore Jacob a son.

Genesis 30:6 Then Rachel said, “God has **judged me**, and has also heard my voice and given me a son.” Therefore she called his name **Dan**.

Genesis 30:7 Rachel’s servant **Bilhah conceived again** and bore Jacob a **second son**.

Genesis 30:8 Then Rachel said, “With mighty wrestlings I have **wrestled with my sister** and have **prevailed**.” So she called his name **Naphtali**.

Genesis 30:9 When **Leah saw that she had ceased bearing children**, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob **as a wife**.

Genesis 30:10 Then Leah’s servant **Zilpah bore Jacob a son**.

Genesis 30:11 And Leah said, “Good **fortune** has come!” so she called his name **Gad**.

Genesis 30:12 Leah’s servant Zilpah bore Jacob a **second son**.

Genesis 30:13 And Leah said, “**Happy am I! For women have called me happy**.” So she called his name **Asher**.

Genesis 30:14 In the days of wheat harvest **Reuben** went and found **mandrakes** in the field and brought them to **his mother Leah**. Then Rachel said to Leah, “**Please give me some of your son’s mandrakes** (*mandragora officinarum*).”

Genesis 30:15 But she said to her, “**Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband?** Would you take away my son’s mandrakes also?” Rachel said, “Then he may lie with you tonight in **exchange for your son’s mandrakes**.”

Genesis 30:16 When **Jacob came from the field in the evening**, Leah went out to meet him and said, “You must come in to me, for **I have hired you with my son’s mandrakes**.” So he lay with her that night.

Genesis 30:17 And **God listened to Leah**, and she conceived and bore Jacob a **fifth son**.

Genesis 30:18 Leah said, “**God has given me my wages** because **I gave my servant to my husband**.” So she called his name Issachar.

Genesis 30:19 And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son.

Genesis 30:20 Then Leah said, “God has endowed me with a good endowment; now **my husband will honor me**, because I have borne him six sons.” So she called his name Zebulun.

Genesis 30:21 Afterward she bore a daughter and called her name **Dinah**.

Genesis 30:22 Then **God remembered Rachel**, and **God listened to her** and **opened her womb**.

Genesis 30:23 She conceived and bore a son and said, “**God has taken away my reproach**.”

Genesis 30:24 And she called his name **Joseph**, saying, “May the LORD **add to me another son!**”

Genesis 30:25 **As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph**, Jacob said to Laban, “**Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country**.”

Genesis 30:26 Give me my wives and my children **for whom I have served you**, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you.”

Genesis 30:27 But Laban said to him, “If I have found favor in your sight, **I have learned by divination** that the **LORD has blessed me because of you**.”

Deuteronomy 18:10 There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, **anyone who practices divination** or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer

Genesis 30:28 **Name your wages, and I will give it.**”

Genesis 30:29 Jacob said to him, “You yourself know how I have served you, and how your livestock has fared with me.

Genesis 30:30 **For you had little before I came**, and it has **increased abundantly**, and the **LORD has blessed you wherever I turned**. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?"

Genesis 30:31 He said, **"What shall I give you?"** Jacob said, **"You shall not give me anything**. If you will do this for me, I will again pasture your flock and keep it:

Genesis 30:32 let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every **speckled and spotted sheep and every black lamb**, and the **spotted and speckled** among the goats, and **they shall be my wages**.

Genesis 30:33 So my honesty will answer for me later, **when you come to look into my wages with you**. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, **shall be counted stolen."**

Genesis 30:34 Laban said, **"Good! Let it be as you have said."**

Genesis 30:35 But that day Laban **removed the male goats** that were striped and spotted, and **all the female goats** that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white on it, and every lamb that was black, and **put them in the charge of his sons**.

Genesis 30:36 And he set a distance of **three days' journey between himself and Jacob**, and **Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flock**.

Genesis 30:37 Then Jacob took fresh **sticks of poplar and almond and plane trees**, and **peeled white streaks in them**, exposing the white of the sticks.

Genesis 30:38 He set the sticks that he had peeled **in front of the flocks in the troughs**, that is, the watering places, **where the flocks came to drink**. And since **they bred when they came to drink**,

Genesis 30:39 the **flocks bred in front of the sticks** and **so the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted**.

Genesis 30:40 And Jacob separated the lambs and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban. He put his own droves apart and did not put them with Laban's flock.

Genesis 30:41 Whenever the stronger of the flock were breeding, **Jacob would lay the sticks in the troughs before the eyes of the flock, that they might breed among the sticks,**

Genesis 30:42 but for the feebler of the flock he would not lay them there. So the feebler would be Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.

Genesis 30:43 Thus the **man increased greatly** and had **large flocks**, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

Proverbs 19:21 Many are the **plans** in the mind of a man, **but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.**

The *post hoc ergo propter hoc* (after this therefore because of this) fallacy is based upon the mistaken notion that simply because one thing happens after another, the first event was a cause of the second event.

“God, who created everything, also upholds everything. He directs, regulates, and governs every creature, action, and thing, from the greatest to the least, by his completely wise and holy providence. He does so in accordance with his infallible foreknowledge and the voluntary, unchangeable purpose of his own will, all to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.”

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John 1:3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Romans 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Colossians 1:17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

James 4:13-15 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”—**yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring.** What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, **“If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”**

Genesis 28:13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring.

Genesis 28:14 Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 28:15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Genesis 28:20-21 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “**If God will be with me** and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, **so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God,**

Genesis 48:15 And he blessed Joseph and said, “The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, **the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day,**

Jeremiah 32:40-41 I will make with them an **everlasting covenant**, that **I will not turn away from doing good to them**. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. **I will rejoice in doing them good**, and I will plant them in this land in **faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul**.

What has a man from **all the toil and striving of heart**
with which he toils beneath the sun?
Come to me, I will not turn away from doing good to you,
you will find rest for your soul.
I am the good shepherd.