

The story of _____.

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Discussion Questions

The Story of... The Girl No One Wanted
Genesis 29-30

What to do with pain:

We can blame our _____.

We can blame _____.

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We can allow pain to expose our _____
and lead us to _____.

God's help:

God _____ what others
_____.

God _____ pain.

God _____ the heart.

1. Read Genesis 29:31-35. How do the names Leah gives her first four sons reveal the gradual change taking place in her heart? What is significant about her statement after Judah is born?
2. Read Genesis 29:31. The text says, "When the LORD saw that Leah was hated..." What does this verse teach us about God's character and His concern for those who are overlooked, rejected, or suffering?
3. Read Genesis 30:19-20. Leah describes Zebulun as a "good gift" from God. What does this shift in language reveal about her perspective? How does it connect to the themes of gratitude, identity, stewardship, and hope discussed in the sermon?
4. The sermon suggested four common responses to pain: blaming circumstances, blaming ourselves, blaming life, or allowing pain to expose false hopes and lead us to truth. Which of these responses do you most naturally gravitate toward when life feels unfair, and why?
5. Leah initially looked to Jacob's love to give her significance and satisfaction. What are some things we are tempted to look to for identity, approval, or fulfillment instead of looking to God?
6. Can you think of a difficult season in your life where God used pain to deepen your faith, redirect your priorities, or draw you closer to Him? What did He teach you through that experience?