

# GENESIS

BEGINNING

BETRAYAL

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## **Message Reflections**

May 14, 2023

**“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows, he will also reap.” - Galatians 6:7**

The principle of reaping and sowing is evident in how our sins often come back to trouble us in this life. Jacob learned this truth the hard way.

### **Read Genesis 29:14-30.**

God justly used Laban's deceitfulness to teach Jacob an important lesson about how he had treated his brother, Esau, and his father, Isaac, by deceiving them.

It is as if the Lord said to Jacob: “Yes, I have chosen you and will bring about my purposes through you. But I do not approve of the way in which you have lived, and I now must discipline you for it.”

- Like Laban was to Jacob, who has God put in your life that drives you nuts, but they're actually God's way of holding up a mirror to you?
- What is God revealing to you in a hard situation you are facing now?
- How has God disciplined and developed you through the consequences of your sin?

Know that the Lord's discipline is a sign of His love for you and take it as an opportunity to grow in your faith.

### **Prayer:**

*Lord Jesus, thank you for being in control of my family and of all my family situations. Help me to continue trusting in your sovereignty and not try to manipulate situations for approval and attention. Remind me again that I am approved by you because of your death, burial, and resurrection – in Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.*