



“Good Moves”

When God is Leading
Genesis 31:1-16

God directs through :

I. Assessment - “heard the words of Laban’s sons ” (vs. 1-3)

Evaluating things concerning :

- A. Reputation** - “Jacob hath taken away...our father’s”
- B. Relationships** - “Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban”
- C. Revelation** - “the Lord said unto Jacob, Return...”

II. Acceptance - “Jacob sent...called Rachel and Leah”(vs. 4-13)

Embracing trends in things:

- A. Encountered** - “with all my power...served your father”
- B. Endured** - “all that Laban hath doeth unto thee”
- C. Endued** - “the God of my father hath been with me ”

III. Ambition - “Whatsoever God hath said to thee, do”(vs. 14-16)

Enjoying thoughts of:

- A. Future** – “Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us”
- B. Family** – “counted of him strangers...he hath sold us...”
- C. Favor** – “God hath taken from our father, that is our’s”

Sentence Sermon:

“A good move is launched from a state of obedience while maintaining a heart of surrender to God’s will.”

Additional Verses

- *Genesis 12:8*
- *Genesis 13:3-4*
- *Genesis 30:35*
- *Genesis 31:42*
- *Genesis 35:1*
- *Genesis 35:6-7*
- *Hebrews 12:1*
- *Hebrews 7:14*
- *Psalms 32:8; 16:11*
- *Isaiah 30:21*
- *Romans 8:14*
- *Colossians 3:15*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage? Why do you think that?
3. Why are Laban’s sons complaining? What are the main issues?
4. How do you suppose Jacob heard about their complaining?
5. What about Laban’s countenance revealed it was “not toward” Jacob?
6. What about God’s promise in verse 3 stands out to you based on past/future events in Jacob’s life?
7. How would you list Jacob’s reasons for wanting to leave in order of importance?
8. How would you explain what went on according to verses 7 and 8?
9. How would you describe Rachel and Leah’s feeling about their dad?
10. What was Laban’s greatest offense according to his daughters?
11. What is your favorite line in these 16 verses?
12. What would a list of the lessons from today’s passage surely include?