

The Need for Love

The need to be loved, heard, and held... gleanings from an unloved wife.

When DOING and GIVING and SACRIFICING will not buy you someone's love. This sweet place of SURRENDER helps position us to recognize the right One who has noticed you and your needs. This POSITION has the potential and probability to shift your praise and adoration upon Him.

A little excerpt from the message:

"Genesis 29:31 "When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, (now the Lord recognized it because he knew everything and he knew what was in Jacob's heart). God and His mercies opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. So Leah conceived and bore a son and she called his name, Ruben for she said, "The Lord has surely looked on my affliction. Now, therefore, my husband will love me. He'll see me because I've been able to give him a son. So he's going to love me because he sees what I can provide for him." All right, then, in verse 33, she conceived again and bore a son and said, because the Lord has heard that I am not loved. What? She still knows the conditions of Jacob's heart and the boy, Reuben, didn't change Jacob's heart toward her. She thought it would, but it didn't. So she's still in a position where she doesn't feel loved because she's not loved like Rachel is loved. And she knows it. And this is her sister to boot. So this makes it even more of a difficulty, more of a challenge. And she says, The Lord has given me a son also, and I shall name him Simon, because not only will he see me, but now my husband will also hear me. He'll hear my love for him. So she gives him another son, Simon, but it doesn't work. So this is what she does. She conceived again and bore a son. Now this time, my husband would become attached to me because I gave him another son. Three sons, Therefore His name shall be called what? Joined. That's what Levi means. It means to be united and joined. That's the word attached. That he will, he will connect to him and he will attach to him. And now I've given him what, Ruben Simon and Levi.

So she's trying to do what? She's trying to win his love with children, but she knows God's the one who's given her the children. What? God sees her, God hears her, God sees this attachment as she sees it — how she sees this. And then notice what she does, notice the transition in her spirit. And she conceived again and bore him another son. Now I will worship Him! She threw her hands up and said, I'm not trying to win my husband anymore. I'm just going to worship. I'm going to rest and praise the Lord. And that's how Judah's name comes. So can you see that these boys' names represent her longing? She wants to be seen. She wants to be heard. She wants intimacy and a connection with Jacob. But then she realizes after having these three boys, it didn't work. So what does she do? She throws her hands up and says I'm going to praise the Lord. And she named him Judah.

Leah wanted to be seen, she wanted to be heard, and she wanted to be connected to Jacob. So she's trying to get all that from him by providing him with sons. But none of that could buy his love, his love couldn't be won in that way. So she finally just says I'm just going to praise the Lord and boy that set her free. She no longer sought the attention and affection of Jacob, she gave it all to the Lord, and that set her free that's why we want to live life now we want to pour our lives into one another, but we want his attention we want his affection we want to give ourselves to Him and praise him and then he just surrounds us with the right people at the right times."

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