



# Sermon Questions

July 5, 2026 | Scripture: Genesis 29:31-30:24 – Jacob's Children

Sermon in a sentence: Jesus is the only one who can heal our shame.

*How might you summarize the sermon?*

## Core Questions

1. How does the family history of Jacob's family replay itself in this passage?
2. What are some ways that shame is controlling the behavior of the characters?
3. What is significant about the names that each baby receives?
4. Where does God show up in this story?
5. How does idolatry figure into this passage?

## Inward Grace in Action

1. How does shame present unique temptations for idolatry and sin?
2. How have you experienced the brokenness of family, marriage, childbearing, and parenting?
3. How does the moment of brightness (Judah) reveal God's purpose for this family?
4. How does the bible speaking directly about this kind of messiness and entangled sin give us hope? How does Jesus show us the perfect plan of God for dealing with our shame, washing our sin and idolatry, and healing our wounds?

## Outward Grace in Action

1. How does the radical nature of God's grace re-orient our relationships with family, spouses, children, and all other circumstances?

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** Do you know that God loves you even when you feel like you're bad?
2. **S - Share your thoughts:** Share with your child a time when you felt ashamed and how the Lord met you and helped you.
3. **K - Keep it going:** Talk to your child about how all of scripture is about Jesus, and that knowing Jesus means we can have a better understanding of God's plan as it is revealed in scripture.

## WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these passages that trace the theme of God's gracious love throughout Scripture:

- Genesis 21:1-7, 25:21, 49:10
- Ruth 4:11
- Isaiah 54:1-8
- Luke 1:46-55
- Galatians 4:27
- Revelation 7:4-8

*Mission: Pray for continued fruit from VBS and the Scotland mission trip.*

*Look Ahead: Next week we will continue our series in the gospel in the life of Jacob with Pastor Ryan preaching on Jacob's Flight from Genesis 31:1-24.*