

# it's complicated



Comparison

Relationships are a gift from God that we complicate

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Even if you aren't personally on Facebook you are probably aware that it exists. In the year 2000 there were 0 people on facebook, today there are over 500 million users. One of the options for classifying your relationship with someone is: IT'S COMPLICATED. Almost ALL relationships could be classified as complicated. And yet relationships are a gift from God and the crucible in which we are formed as disciples. We are exploring the complications of relationships/families through the story of Jacob & his family in Genesis. Be open to what God is going to teach you about your relationship with him and with others.

o Monday 1.24.11

o Tuesday 1.25.11

o Wednesday 1.26.11

o Thursday 1.27.11

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o Saturday 1.29.11

Genesis 25.24-28

Genesis 29.31-35

Genesis 30.1-24

Genesis 30.25-43

Galatians 6.1-10

Mark 10.35-45

*As you read each day's passage, think about/discuss/journal:*

.What does this passage teach me about God? What does it say about myself?

.How can I live differently, according to what I've learned from this passage?

.One specific next step I'm going to take this week is:

# Discussion Questions

## >>READ>> Genesis 25:27-28

.How are Jacob and Esau different? What effect did that have on their relationships?

.How did comparison lead to other complications in their relationships?

>>READ>> Genesis 29:29 and 30:14-15 (note: "madrakes" were an aphrodisiac thought to make women fertile).

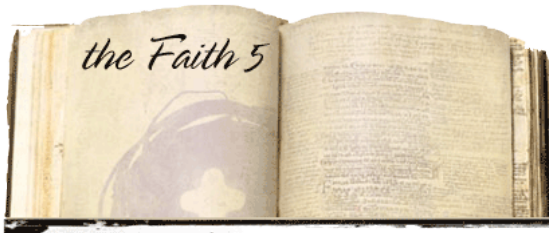
.Rachel and Leah seem to be jealous of each other. In what ways do they compare themselves to one another?

.How do these comparisons complicate their relationships with one another and with Jacob?

## >>READ>> Mark 10:35-45

.What does Jesus say here about comparison?

.What role does contentment play in the complications brought about by comparison?



*Share* your highs & lows of the day  
*Read* the Scripture in the Bible  
*Talk* about how the verse relates to your highs & lows  
*Pray* about your highs & lows, family, world  
*Bless* one another

*Making disciples every night in every home!*

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 30.1

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews 13.5

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Galatians 6.4

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 14.30

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Corinthians 3.3

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Galatians 5.26

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 19.23

**Blessing:** May you be content in all circumstances.

