

## ***Dysfunctional Families and a Loving God***

Genesis 29-30

### **Sermon Discussion Questions**

**May 1, 2022**

1. Do you identify with one of characters of the Madrigal family in the movie Encanto: Alma, Luisa, Isabella, Mirabel, Julieta, Pepa, and Bruno? And can you explain to your friends why you choose one of them?
2. What does your name mean? Or, who are you named after? What do you think of all the awkward meanings of the names of Jacob's sons?
3. Do you relate to the dysfunction of any of the people in this week's sermon? Do you feel unlovable like Leah, prideful and competitive like Rachel, or like a weak spectator like Jacob?

Do you deal with dysfunction in your life or family that wasn't represented in one these people? Talk to your group about the dysfunction you deal with in your life and family.

4. Have you made terrible choices like Jacob, Leah, and Rachel during the difficult situation because of not asking for God's guidance? Or, have you experienced praying and asking God to show you specific ways you need to respond in your situation? Can you share your story with your group?
5. Have you seen God in the midst of dysfunction? How has God blessed you and intervened in the midst of your dysfunction, even when you were a part of it?
6. Whether you have great dysfunction in your nuclear family or not, the church is supposed to be a family to you? How can Calvary Church and your small group be a family to you? How can you be family to them?