

# Digging Deeper: Wrong Love, Right Love

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## THE MAIN THEME

Journeying with God in redemption involves learning the difference between wrong love and right love. Wrong love wrecks, wounds, and creates wars within us and around us. In Genesis 29–30, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, and Laban all reveal distorted forms of love—idolatrous love, works-based love, envy-driven love, and self-driven love. Yet God responds with redeeming love: a love that sees, hears, remembers, provides, restores, and frees us to love others rightly. True healing begins when we stop asking people to be what only God can be .

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## VERSE OF THE WEEK

### Genesis 29:35

“She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, ‘This time I will praise the Lord.’”

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## WHAT NOT TO MISS

### 1. Wrong Love Wrecks Lives

The sermon reveals how wrong love creates destruction, wounds, insecurity, and conflict (*page 4*).

### 2. Idolatrous Love Makes People Ultimate

Jacob made Rachel the center of his life (*pages 8–12*). When we expect people to complete us, disappointment eventually follows.

### 3. Works-Based Love Exhausts the Soul

Leah kept trying to earn Jacob’s affection (*pages 13–16*). Love becomes painful when we believe we must perform to be valued.

### 4. Envy Turns Relationships into Competition

Rachel and Leah compared, competed, and wounded each other (*pages 17–21*). Insecurity causes us to resent what others have.

### 5. Self-Driven Love Uses People

Laban manipulated everyone for personal gain (*pages 22–25*). Self-centered love treats people as tools instead of gifts.

## 6. God Responds with Redeeming Love

God saw Leah, remembered Rachel, and continued His redemptive plan (*pages 27–30*). God's love is gracious, faithful, and healing.

## 7. Right Love Frees Us to Love Others Well

When we receive God's love fully, we no longer demand that people complete us (*pages 31–33*). Redeeming love renews and restores.

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## LIFE APPLICATION

Ask yourself this week:

**Am I looking to people for what only God can provide?**

Wrong love places impossible expectations on people. Right love begins when we allow God's love to satisfy, secure, and shape us. Only then are we free to love others selflessly.

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## DAILY DEVOTIONAL

### MONDAY — When Love Becomes an Idol

**Read:** Genesis 29:18–20

**Reflect:** Jacob's love for Rachel became consuming.

**Pray:** "Lord, help me keep You at the center of my life."

### TUESDAY — Trying to Earn Love

**Read:** Genesis 29:31–34

**Reflect:** Leah longed to be loved and accepted.

**Pray:** "Teach me to rest in Your love for me."

### WEDNESDAY — Guarding Against Envy

**Read:** Genesis 30:1–2

**Reflect:** Comparison leads to insecurity and conflict.

**Pray:** "Help me find security in You alone."

### THURSDAY — Selfishness vs. Sacrifice

**Read:** Philippians 2:3–4

**Reflect:** Self-driven love harms relationships.

**Pray:** "Make me humble and selfless."

## FRIDAY — Receiving Redeeming Love

**Read:** Romans 8:38–39

**Reflect:** God’s love is constant, secure, and restoring.

**Pray:** “Help me receive and reflect Your love.”

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## FACILITATOR TIPS

- Ask: “Which type of wrong love do you relate to most?”
  - Create space for honesty without shame.
  - Emphasize that everyone searches for love in unhealthy ways at times.
  - Keep pointing people back to God’s redeeming love.
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## THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

Identify one unhealthy pattern of love in your life:

- Stop seeking validation from someone
- Release comparison or jealousy
- Choose selflessness in a relationship
- Spend intentional time receiving God’s love through prayer and Scripture

Then follow through.

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which form of wrong love stood out to you most? Why?
  2. Why do people often look to others for fulfillment?
  3. How did insecurity shape Leah and Rachel’s relationship?
  4. What are signs that love has become idolatrous?
  5. How does God’s love differ from human love?
  6. What does redeeming love practically look like?
  7. How can receiving God’s love change the way we treat others?
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# PRAYER POINTS

## CONNECT

Thank God for His faithful and redeeming love.

## CARE

Pray for healing in broken relationships and wounded hearts.

## CULTIVATE

Ask God to expose unhealthy patterns of love.

## COMMISSION

Pray that your life would reflect God's selfless love to others.

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# CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, thank You for loving us with a redeeming and faithful love. Forgive us for the ways we have looked to people for what only You can provide. Heal our insecurities, remove envy and selfishness, and teach us to love the way You love. Help us rest fully in Your grace so that we can love others freely and selflessly. Amen.