

DOES YOUR SPOUSE FEEL LOVED?

JOB 10:13-22

INTRODUCTION:

1. In Genesis 29, we read about Jacob who was sent to Haran after stealing the blessing of his brother Esau. [Read Genesis 29.1-11]
2. Why was Jacob in Haran? (Gen. 27.42,43,46)
3. When Jacob arrived in Haran, he met Rachel and *“kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept”* (Gen. 29.11-14)

I. HOW DID RACHEL FEEL?

- A. Unfolding the events. (Gen. 29.15-30)
 1. **GENESIS 29.15-20:** The appearance of Rachel
 2. **GENESIS 29.21-25:** Laban deceived Jacob.
 3. **GENESIS 29.26-30:** Jacob married Rachel.
- B. Rachel felt loved.
 1. **GENESIS 29.18:** *“Now Jacob loved Rachel”*
 2. **GENESIS 29.20:** *“because of the love he had for her”*
 3. **GENESIS 29.30:** *“he also love Rachel more than Leah”*

II. HOW DID LEAH FEEL?

- A. Unfolding the events. (Gen. 29.31 – 30.20)
 1. **GENESIS 29.31-35:** Leah had four sons.
 2. **GENESIS 30.1-30:** A bitter rivalry between sisters.
- B. Leah felt unloved.
 1. **GENESIS 29.31:** The Holy Spirit revealed it.
 2. **GENESIS 29.32:** Leah felt it.
 3. **GENESIS 29.33:** God heard about it.

III. HOW DOES YOUR SPOUSE FEEL?

- A. The importance of love.
 1. More important than anything you say. (1 Cor. 13.1)
 2. More important than anything you possess. (1 Cor. 13.2)
 3. More important than anything you do. (1 cor. 13.3)
- B. Do you treat your spouse with love? (1 Cor. 13.4,5)

CONCLUSION: The way you treat your spouse is personal.

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-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

In 1885, Carl Boberg was walking home on afternoon near Kronoback, Sweden when suddenly a violent thunderstorm appeared. As he was caught up in the unexpected downpour, the deafening claps of thunder, the blinding lightening as it leaped from cloud to cloud, he quickly made his way home. When he arrived, he noticed that the storm had dissipated just as quickly as it appeared. He opened up his windows and took in the crisp clean air, the beautiful Monstera Bay, and inspiration struck him. It was then that he penned the words to the now famous song, “How Great Thou Art”.

When we behold the wondrous creation around us, we cannot help but be struck with just how great God is. We ask, as David did when he considered the heavens, the moon, and stars, *“What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?”* (Ps. 8.3,4).

How awe-inspired we are at the thought of such a great God, but we are moved even more by the greatness of His love. The love of God was bestowed upon those who do not deserve it. In spite of all we have chosen to be, *“the love of God has been poured out in our hearts”* in that Christ died for us. (Rom. 5.5,6).

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GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

GENESIS 12:3

INTRODUCTION:

1. Eternal life is promised to everyone who are in Christ. Through this promise, we have hope of something better. (1 Thess. 4.13,14)
2. The promise of heaven began with Abraham. (cf. Gen. 3.15)
3. **GENESIS 12.1-4:** “Now the LORD had said to Abram...” The self-existing One keeps His promises. (Ex. 3.15; 6.3)

I. THREE PROMISES

- A. The promise of a great land.
 1. **GENESIS 12.1:** “*to a land that I will show you.*”
 2. The promised land was Canaan. (Gen. 17.8)
 3. God fulfilled His promise. (Josh. 23.14)
- B. The promise of a great nation.
 1. **GENESIS 12.2:** “*I will make you a great nation*”
 2. Because Sarah was barren, they tried to help God fulfill His promise. (Gen. 18.11; 15.3; 16.15; 17.19)
 3. God fulfilled His promise. (Rom. 4.19-21)
- C. The promise of a great salvation.
 1. **GENESIS 12.3:** “*And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*”
 2. This salvation would come through the lineage of Abraham. (Gen. 22.18; 26.4; 28.14)
 3. God fulfilled His promise. (Gal. 3.16)

II. THREE PROMISES TODAY

- A. There are three principles that govern God’s promises.
 1. Principle #1: They are conditional. (Gen. 12.1)
 2. Principle #2: They are supernatural. (Matt. 1.1)
 3. Principle #3: They are beneficial. (Titus 2.11)
- B. God makes three promises to you.
 1. A forgotten past. Forgiveness is available to everyone who submits to His conditions. (Acts 2.38; Heb. 10.17)
 2. A connected present. Fellowship with God is made possible through Jesus. (Acts 2.38; 2 Cor. 6.17-7.1)
 3. A hopeful future. Eternal life is in the future of all who are forgiven and in fellowship with God. (Titus 1.2)

CONCLUSION: The promises we have today are made on the same three principles of conditional, supernatural, and beneficial.

FOMO: THE FEAR OF MISSING OUT

FOMO is referenced often in our modern culture. However, the principle was utilized long before it became a part of our vernacular. The acronym represents the phrase, “Fear of missing out.” It has been a common marketing tool since marketing existed. You present your product and convince your target market that they need your product. If you can convince them that they cannot live without the latest gadget, they will make the purchase because they fear that they will miss out.

FOMO has always existed, but social media has brought it to the forefront. Our ability to see what everyone else is doing fills us with anxiety, because we are afraid that we are missing out on what others are enjoying. All your friends are raving about the movie they saw, and you are compelled to see it for fear of missing out on a great movie. Everyone is excited about the new restaurant that just opened, and you make a reservation for fear of missing out on a wonderful dining experience.

Feeling the fear of missing out always contributes to indecision. If you pick one career path, you are afraid of missing out on the benefits of a different path. Even something as simple as having thirty-one flavors of ice cream can create this fear, because picking one flavor means missing out on another.

The spiritual implications of this fear of missing out should be obvious. The Holy Spirit explains that temptation takes place when one “*is drawn away by his own desires and enticed*” (James 1.14). By definition, temptation is desiring something. The apostle John describes the world with the word “*lust*” (1 John 2.15,16). How many have chosen not to obey the gospel because it would mean giving up a sinful lifestyle that they have enjoyed? How many Christians have turned about to the world for fear of missing out on the pleasures of this world? It is when I desire and lust after the things of this world that temptation enters into my life. I then give into temptation because I am afraid of missing out on the pleasure that this world offers.

How can I overcome my FOMO? They say that you fight fire with fire. The way that I fight the fear of missing out is with the fear of missing out. I need to remember that those who are not right with God “*will not inherit the kingdom of heaven*” (1 Cor. 6.9). Revelation 21.8 says that those who sin “*will have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone*” (Rev. 21.8). It is my fear of missing out of heaven that will keep me from giving into my fear of missing out on the pleasures of the world. We cannot give into the fear of missing out lest we miss out of heaven. CLP