

# Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for Nov 7, 2021  
*The Things We Do for Love: Jacob and Rachel*



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family**

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** *with each other*
  - What things have you done, or do you do, for love that others might think are crazy?
- **GROW** *in Christ*

**Read Genesis 29: 14-20 (below)**

<sup>14</sup> Then Laban said to him, “You are my own flesh and blood.” After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month, <sup>15</sup> Laban said to him, “Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.”<sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. <sup>18</sup> Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, “I’ll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.”<sup>19</sup> Laban said, “It’s better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.” <sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today?
  - Some people might think that working 7 years for Rachel’s hand in marriage is a crazy thing to do, but according to verse 20, why did Jacob not see it that way?
  - Reading further in Genesis 29 we learn that Laban fooled Jacob by switching daughters on the wedding night, then Jacob worked 7 more years for Rachel. Do you think that working 14 years for Rachel’s hand in marriage changed Jacob’s outlook described in verse 20?
  - Jacob had 8 sons through Leah and her maid servant Zilpah and 4 sons through Rachel and her maid servant Bilhah. These 12 sons became the 12 tribes of Israel. How might God have accomplished His will for having 12 tribes of Israel through these “crazy things” that happened in Jacob’s life?
  - How might God be working in the “crazy” things you do for love to accomplish His work and will in and through you?
- **SERVE** *others*

Prayerfully ask God to put someone on your heart that He wants to love through you and then connect with them and show them God’s love in a meaningful way.
  - **End with Prayer, the Lord’s Prayer, or a short Blessing.**