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What thought, line, or sermon has stuck with you the most throughout the #DeathToSelfie series?

UNEXPECTED BLESSING

Read Genesis 29. What part of Jacob's process of marrying Leah and Rachel stands out the most to you?

Have you ever worked for something, only to metaphorically wake up and realize it was nothing like what you expected it to be? What was it?

We briefly mentioned that the story of Leah and Rachel being promised to Jacob is a picture of the Law and grace, highlighting the contrast in the way God interacts with and blesses us through Jesus.

What does this story show you about working for your salvation versus freely receiving God's grace?

REJECTION

Read Genesis 30:1-24. How was Leah rejected by Jacob? How did she respond?

Read Matthew 21:42. We said, "God selects what others reject." What does this mean?

How did God use Leah's rejection for His glory? Have you ever felt rejected? When? How can God use that for His glory and your good?

FRUSTRATION

Why was Rachel frustrated? How did she act out of that frustration?

What frustrates you? Do you ever, as we said, try to "help God out" to get you through something you're frustrated with? Why isn't this healthy or helpful?

What frustrations do you need to let go today? If you feel comfortable, share one frustration you have yet to share, but you know you need to surrender to God. As a group, pray over each one shared.

GOD USES IT ALL

Read Matthew 1:1-2,17. How did God Leah's rejection and Rachel's frustrations bring about Jesus?

What are some unexpected blessings you've received from God? What made them unexpected?

How can you realistically remind yourself each week that it's not about us, it's about something far greater?

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