

## #DeathToSelfie ~ Part 9

### Naming Rights

(16) Then they moved on from Bethel. While they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty.

(17) And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, the midwife said to her, "Don't despair, for you have another son."

(18) As she breathed her last—for she was dying—she named her son Ben-Oni. But his father named him Benjamin.

(19) So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).

(20) Over her tomb Jacob set up a pillar, and to this day that pillar marks Rachel's tomb.

### Genesis 35:16-20 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

"Ben-Oni" means \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_

but also \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_

Benjamin means \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions for Discussion

Choose some of the following questions to discuss w/your group. Don't feel the need to ask every question; simply focus on the ones that will drive the best discussion and application w/your group.

As we close out #DeathToSelfie, what previous week's group discussion, thought, or sermon has stuck with you with most throughout this series?

What did you learn about the story of Jacob from the #DeathToSelfie series that you did not know earlier?

### NAMING RIGHTS

Which part of the story of Jacob, Rachel, and Benjamin's birth have you most been thinking about since the message? What is the quote or the scripture that you have been thinking about the most?

Rachel had prayed for a child for years and there was a sense of excitement for this season of her life; but, she died in childbirth. Share with the group a time where you prayed for something, but when God answered the prayer, the cost was more than you ever imagined.

Share an example of when you have experienced God birthing something in your life when at the same time allowing something else in your life to die. What did you learn from this birth and death?

What are some common life situations that often define a specific season in your life? (Both positive and negative) List them out for everyone to see, hear and think about. How does the right perspective in all of these situations impact what you call it and how you view it?

What steps would you have to go through to change your perspective on a negative situation in your life in order to rename it?

Share with the group an example of a strength of yours that was born out of sorrow. What was the sorrow and how did you grow from it?

What are some times in your life where you were labeled something outside of God's word? What were the circumstances and how did you overcome the label?

What does it mean to you that you have 'naming rights' over the situations of your life? How have you typically labeled or 'named' seasons in your life? Why is this often a challenge for us to not allow a bad situation to define that season in our life? Explain.

We heard, 'Call it what it is or call it what you want.' Share with the group how this phrase from the sermon spoke to you. How have you called negative situations in your past?

Jacob moved on; he suffered some losses, but he moved on. Share with group a season where you may have suffered some losses but moved on anyway. How did God honor your faithfulness and diligence?

Share with the group the takeaway or application step that you have from the #DeathToSelfie series.