

MY JOURNEY WITH JESUS

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

WOMEN OF WISDOM Edition

DAY FOUR

LEAH

From Weakness to a Wonder

Moulded by Mercy.

Her name means 'weak'.

There is no record of anything good

Leah did to deserve what she got.

A Virgin husband.

An open womb.

Empowered by GOD Himself

and becoming an ancestor to the Messiah.

Leah is an enigma.

Weak eyes,

No beauty in bodily form,

in contrast with her sister who

the scripture describes as beautiful and

with a lovely figure.

Genesis 29:17

"Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful."

Leah was unloved,

smuggled in the dark of night

into the room of, (by all

probability), a drunk groom,

who was excited about the seven

year waiting period that was now over.

From a suspicious celebration.

Laban had made a big party,

Jacob's cup must have been

spiked;

how else do we explain him

sleeping with the wrong woman

on that honeymoon night?

Genesis 29:22-23

"So Laban invited everyone in the neighborhood and prepared a wedding feast, but that night when it was dark, Laban took Leah to Jacob, and he slept with her."

Leah was going to be a subject

of disdain and disappointment

when Jacob sobered up in the morning.

Genesis 29:25

"But when Jacob woke up in the morning – it was Leah! "What have you done to me?"

Jacob raged at Laban. "I worked seven years for Rachel! Why have you tricked me?"

The intrigue gets stronger when this murky story

of deceit gets GOD'S

involvement on a side common

sense least expects HIM to.

Leah gets Divine strength for pregnancy.

Genesis 29:31

"When the LORD saw that Leah was not loved, HE Enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless."

Talk of a twist of events!

Was Leah perhaps praying?

She clearly was aware of GOD'S intervention.

Genesis 29:32

"Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him

Reuben, for she said, "It is because The LORD has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now."

The flow of the story does not

give much sympathetic

room for Leah to be favored.

We expected Jacob to get his

childhood sweetheart.

We anticipated Rachel's womb

should be the one to incubate

the seed that would bring the

Messiah.

But Leah ends up with five sons

and daughter.

Reuben, Simeon,

Levi, Judah,

Issachar and

Dinah (the only daughter born to

Jacob).

Two of these are eternally

significant in the history of Israel.

Levi is the ancestor

to Moses, the deliverer and

lawgiver.

Levites became the tribe that

served as priests in Israel.

While out of Judah would

come JESUS Himself the lion

of the tribe of JUDAH.

Leah.

Sidelined by nature,

Weakened by procreation

processes gone wrong; the

squint-eyes and no beauty, were

no doing of her own.

Why was there no beauty in her

when GOD intended all

creation to be beautiful?

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"He has made everything beautiful in its time."

Many women know the loneliness that

comes with being the odd

one who hardly ever gets chosen.

Imagine how the invites were

phrased for the party Laban was

going to have for Jacob and

Rachel, But Leah won not only the

night of strong virility, but a

place in the history of GOD'S

chosen people and eternity.

Many years later Jacob would

describe that night in no

uncertain terms.

Genesis 49:3

"Reuben, you are my firstborn,

my might, The First Sign of My Strength, excelling in honor,

excelling in power."

But Leah made it!

She was included and

Celebrated by heaven,

Although earth remains puzzled.

Your story will be like no other.

GOD will show up even from the

least expected angle.

You are already included in

Mercy's beneficiary list.

May both your spirit and mental

wombs incubate the seeds of

greatness, and carry to full light

of day.

From weakness to wonder

Cling to the Wonder Working

GOD!

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