

**God's Lordship Over Sin**  
**Gen. 29:1-35**

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**Getting Started**

- ❖ Can you think of an occasion where someone sinned against you, maybe even wounded you deeply, yet God worked through it for your good and His glory?

**Key Ideas for Discussion**

1. The Bible is not meant to be read as a book of virtues or a religious instruction manual.
2. God's plans and promises are not stymied by humanity's sin. (Takeaway Truth)

**Digging Deeper**

- ❖ Revisit the sermon and sermon outline, read the sermon text and answer the following:
  - This story with Jacob is deliberately contrasted with Genesis 24 when Eliezer, Abraham's servant, goes to Haran to get a wife for Isaac. Compare and contrast Jacob's approach and experience to Eliezer's. What does this tell us about Jacob and his personality and spiritual state? How does this passage show us the danger of pushing forward our plans and our way without attention to God and his word?
  - How would you describe Laban and Jacob's conversations about Leah and Rachel? What do their conversations reveal about both men?
  - Read verses 26-27 closely. What do these verses reveal about Laban and his attitudes towards Leah and Rachel? Is there anything in these verses that strikes you as odd?
  - How does this passage practically warn us against putting our hopes and desires in another person? Look again at how Jacob interacts with Rachel in the opening verses and Leah's response to being hated (Genesis 29:31-35).
  - How does God demonstrate his love for Leah? How is this meant to encourage us?
  - What is the best example of God working through the sins of others to accomplish His will?

**Apply It!**

- ❖ What impacted you the most in the message?
- ❖ Think through the sins of Jacob again. Is there anywhere you see your own face reflected in his life and actions?
- ❖ Do you draw closer to God when you experience deep pain that He could have protected you from or do you withdraw?
- ❖ Is there a wound in your own life that you deeply desire God to heal? If you're comfortable doing so, share it with your group and spend time praying for one another over these things.
- ❖ Does it comfort you or confuse you that God works in and through the sin of others?

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***Think About It!***

The problem isn't that God has abandoned us to the pain and consequences of sin. The problem for many Christians is the refusal to face that pain with God at our side (Mike Wilkerson)

NOTE: Study questions for this year's annual theme are derived either directly or indirectly from a number of sources. These Covenant Group studies are indebted to the works of Dr. John Walton, Dr. Derek Kidner, Dr. Bruce Waltke, Dr. James Boice, Dr. Ian Duguid, Dr. Warren Wiersbe, and Dr. Tim Keller.

## WORSHIP RESOURCE

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### WORSHIP SONGS

#### DOXOLOGY

*Words by Thomas Ken, 1709 | Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551*

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

*Words by Isaac Watts, 1715 / German Melody*

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food.  
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them  
good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye.  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;  
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne.  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;  
and everywhere that man can be, Thou, God art present there.

#### THE LION AND THE LAMB

*Words and Music by Brenton Brown,  
Brian Johnson, and Leeland Mooring, 2015*

He's coming on the clouds kings and kingdoms will bow down,  
And every chain will break  
as broken hearts declare His praise.  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion the Lion of Judah,  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,  
and every knee will bow before Him.*

*Our God is the Lamb the Lamb that was slain,  
for the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains,  
and every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb,  
every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates make way before the King of kings.  
Our God who comes to save  
is here to set the captives free.  
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#### WHO YOU SAY I AM

*Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan, 2018*

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me.  
I was lost, but He brought me in.  
Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.  
*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.*  
*I'm a child of God, yes I am.*  
*In my Father's house is a place for me.*  
*I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me.  
His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.  
Yes, He died for me.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

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### DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 150; Isaiah 32:1-8; 2 Thess. 2:13-17; Matt. 7:7-14

MONDAY | Ps. 124; Jeremiah 32:1-15; Col. 3:18-4:18; Luke 7:36-50

TUESDAY | Ps. 146; Jeremiah 32:16-25; Rom. 12:1-21; Luke 8:1-15

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 99; Jeremiah 32:36-44; Rom. 13:1-14; John 8:16-25

THURSDAY | Ps. 113; Jeremiah 33:1-13; Rom. 14:1-12; Luke 8:26-39

FRIDAY | Psalm 96; Deut. 31:30-32:14; Rom. 14:13-23; Luke 8:40-56

SATURDAY | Ps. 92; Deut. 32:34-43; Rom. 15:1-13; Luke 9:1-17

### PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Lord God,  
you are the vine and we are the branches;  
teach us to abide in you  
throughout each new day.  
Show us how to love our neighbors,  
and give us a hunger for your Word.  
Prune all that leads us away from you  
and the areas of our lives that do not bear fruit.  
Guide us, we pray, through the abiding power  
and witness of your Spirit.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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