

**Stealing Gods**  
**Genesis 29-31**

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**Suggested Questions for Individual  
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- How many siblings do you have? How did growing up in a small or large family shape your life?
- Read *Genesis 29:1-14a*. What led Jacob to this eastern land (cf. Gen. 27:46-28:5)? How might you explain the reactions of Jacob, Rachel, and Laban to their meeting?
- Read *Genesis 29:14b-30*. If you were to meet Laban and his daughters, what would stand out to you the most about them? After considering the part played by each person in the wedding deception and what follows, what can you conclude about the character and motives of Jacob, Laban, Leah, and Rachel? What evidence do you find of God working through or in spite of these events?
- Read *Genesis 29:31-30:2; 30:22-24*. What factors are behind Leah's and Rachel's desire to have children? Knowing that Jacob will end up with 11 sons during this period, what is the LORD doing (cf. Gen. 28:14)?
- Read *Genesis 31:3-21*. What changes do you see in the relationships in this family? How do you account for that?
- Although Rachel steals Laban's household gods (Gen. 31:20), what does he truly appear to worship and to look to for security and salvation? What do Jacob, Rachel, and Leah each look to for security and salvation at this point?
- What are ways that people today, even Christians, look to other people, things, and ideas apart from the LORD for their security and salvation? How do these actually steal from us?
- When you look back over your life, what "household gods" have you been most tempted to trust instead of the LORD God? How can you pursue greater trust in the LORD this week? How can your small group or others pray for you and support you in this?

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