

# A Tale of Two Women

## Michal and Leah

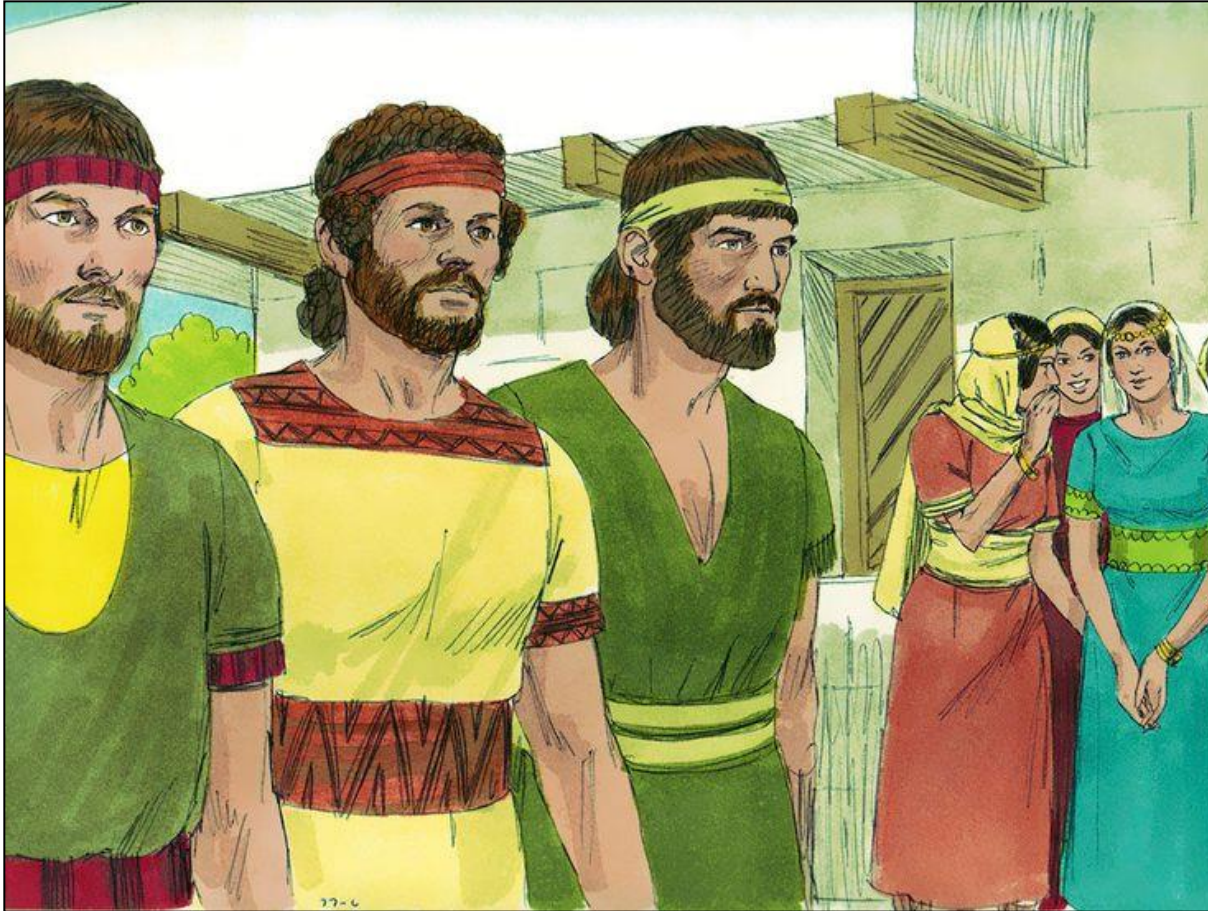
A root of bitterness or the blessing of thankfulness



See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Hebrews 12:15

Now Saul's (younger) daughter Michal was in love with David, and when they told Saul about it, he was pleased. 1Samuel18:20



...Then Saul gave him his daughter Michal in marriage. ... Saul realized that the LORD was with David and that his daughter Michal loved David,....

1Samuel18:27-29



Saul sent men to David's house to watch it and to kill him in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, warned him, "If you don't run for your life tonight, tomorrow you'll be killed." So Michal let David down through a window, and he fled and escaped. 1Samuel19:11-12



But Saul gave his daughter Michal, David's wife, to Paltiel son of Laish, who was from Gallim. 1Samuel 25:44



"Good," said David. "I will make an agreement with you. But I demand one thing of you: Do not come into my presence unless you bring Michal daughter of Saul when you come to see me." Then David sent messengers to Ish-Bosheth son of Saul, demanding, "Give me my wife Michal."

2 Samuel 3:13-14



As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:16



When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!" David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD's people Israel--I will celebrate before the LORD.

2 Samuel 6:20-21





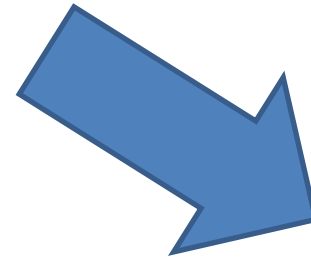
And Michal daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

2 Samuel 6:23



Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Genesis 29:16-17

From this



to this



When the LORD saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive, but Rachel remained childless. Genesis 29:31



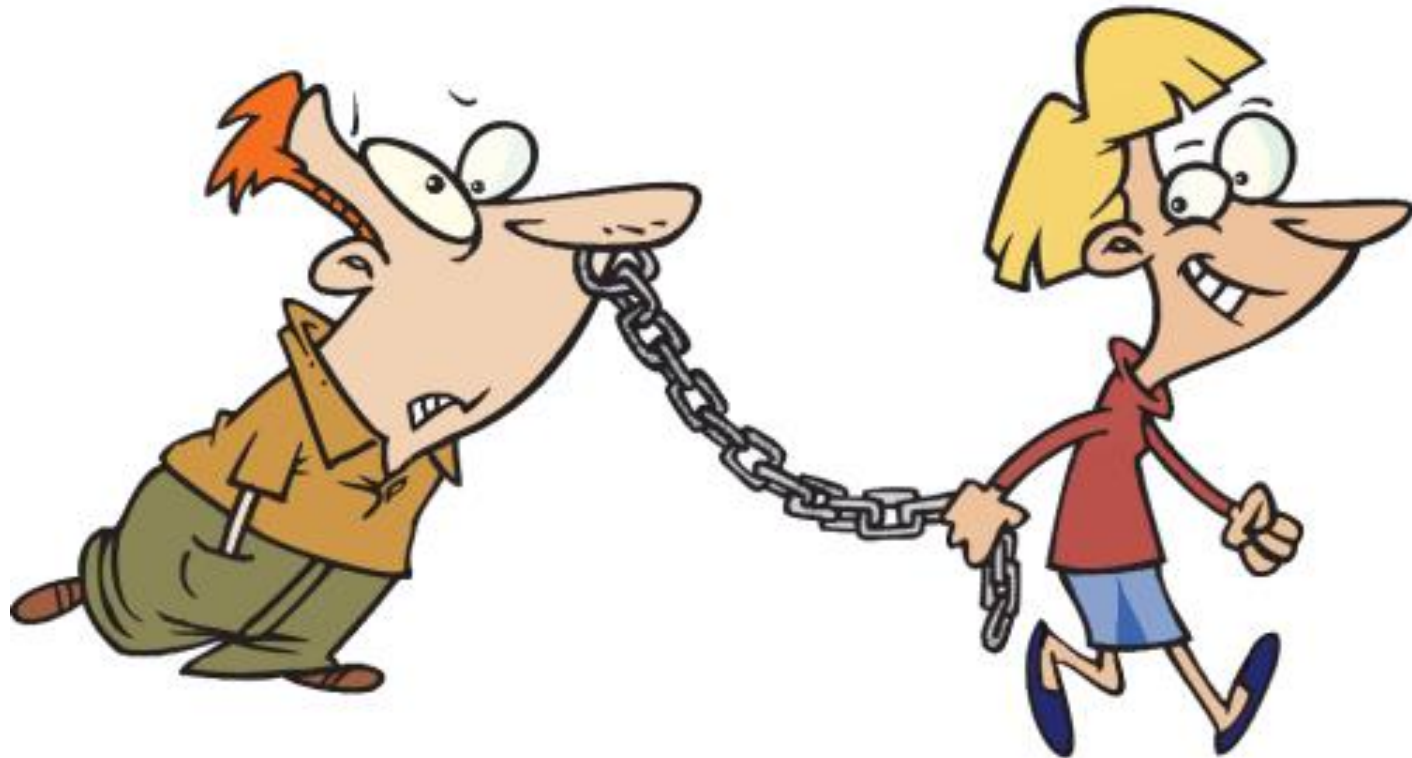
Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him **Reuben**, for she said, "It is because the LORD has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now." Genesis 29:32

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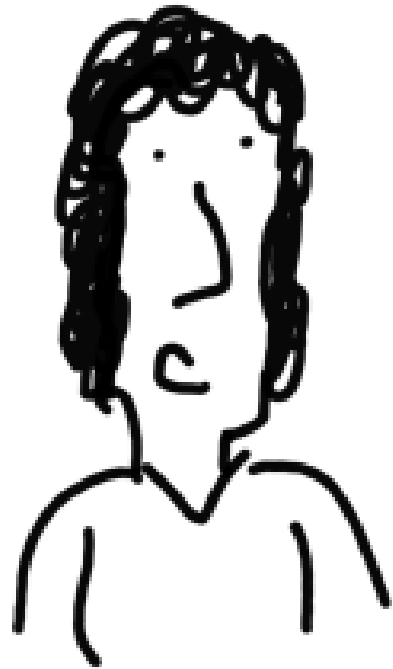
She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Because the LORD **heard** that I am not loved, he gave me this one too." So she named him **Simeon**. Genesis 29:33



Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Now at last my husband will become **attached** to me, because I have borne him three sons." So he was named **Levi**. Genesis 29:34



**It didn't work !**

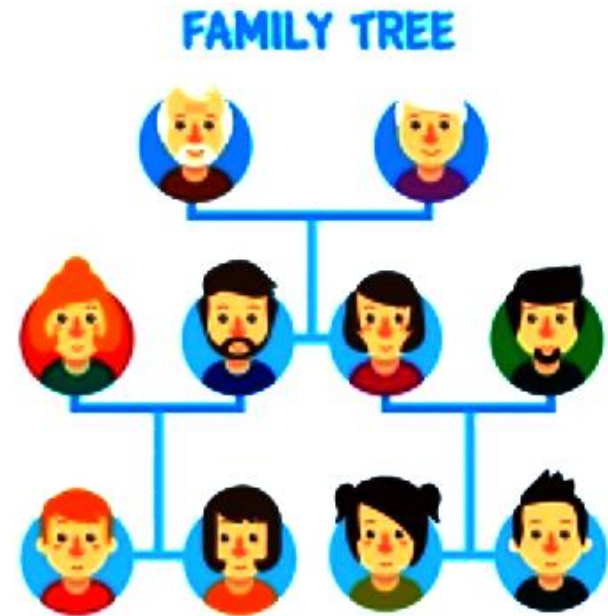


**So what do you do next ?**

She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "This time I will **praise** the LORD." So she named him **Judah**. Then she stopped having children. Genesis 29:35







But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, Galatians 4:4

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# Being thankful lets the light in



**Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.  
Colossians 4:2**