

*The Things We Carry: Leah and the Burden of Not Being Wanted*

GTW Online

Wednesday, Sept 16, 2020

GoToMeeting 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Teacher: Junior McGarrah

For Wednesday's class, we will be looking at Leah, a biblical character who should get more attention than she does. We will be looking at how she handled rejection, but we will also consider the larger issue of bearing the burden of disappointment and unmet expectations.

Text: Genesis 29-31 (Or if your time is limited, Gen 29: 15-30:24)

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We had a great Zoom group discussion after class last week and, if you have time, would encourage you to join that meeting.

Here are some reflection questions for our study of Leah:

1. How is Leah described, especially in comparison to Rachel?
2. How would you describe the nature of Leah's lament?
3. According to the text, what advantage does Rachel's beauty give her? How does she seem to feel about her gifts and status?
4. How would you describe Leah's progression in handling her disappointment and rejection?
5. What in this story speaks to your own experiences of disappointment?