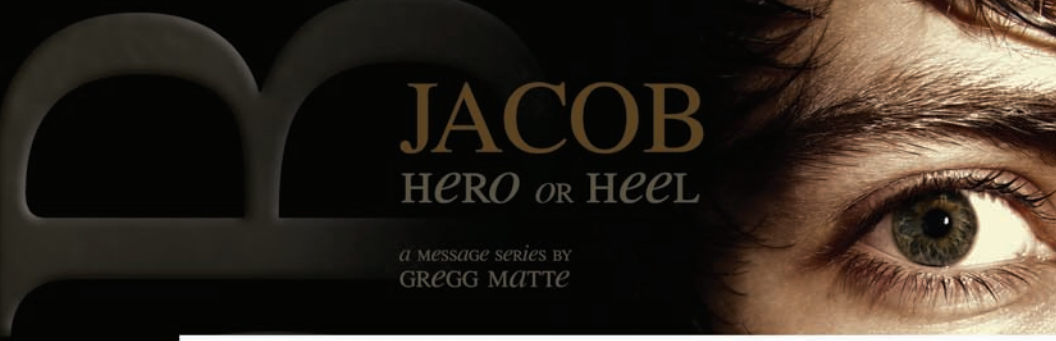


JACOB
HERO OR HEEL

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Empty Womb, Full Heart

Genesis 30:1-8 & 22-24

• No change brings tremendous ~~change~~.

- Change of ~~emotions~~: anger, grief and jealousy.
  Proverbs 30:15-16, Proverbs 13:12

- Change in marriage, intimacy and ~~social~~ networks.

• A child *is a* ~~gift~~ not *a* right.
Psalm 127:4 & 5, Luke 1:7, Genesis 11:29

- Hannah and Isaac reacted ~~differently~~.
  Genesis 25:21, I Samuel 1:10 & 20

• What Now?

- Acknowledge your ~~emotions~~.

- Seek *a* ~~support~~ network. (Numerous options on back)

- Ask "Why?" leaning ~~forward~~.

- Pray and trust that Christ *is* ~~enough~~.
  Isaiah 54, Hebrews 11:11

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RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

EVENTS

Remembering Rachel (Genesis 30: 22-24)
Thu, May 27 @ 6:30-9 pm - Home of Vicky Wright
Facilitator: Cheryl Simmons, LMSW

Infertility is often a silent grief that impacts one out of six women. Infertility changes you. You find yourself disconnecting from those you love the most, your family and friends. It is a time when you pull back from the world and focus inward because "isolating yourself can actually feel better than remaining a part of the fertile world". But from a Christian perspective, infertility can be a time when women minister to each other and draw closer to God as He transforms their hearts and lives. *We will have a bible study beginning in the fall. Alissa Franklin will facilitate "When the Cradle is Empty".*

RSVP at HoustonsFirst.org/RememberingRachel

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The following two events are hosted by Legacy685, the Adoption & Orphan Care Ministry of Houston's First:

Exploring Adoption After Infertility
Sun, Jun 6 @ 5–6:20 pm - HFBC Connection Center

Infertility can often be a difficult and heartbreaking journey that God allows us to go through. It can also be a time to minister, support and encourage one another as God brings us through this time in our life. Legacy685 is hosting a panel of couples who will share through testimony their journey of infertility. Couples will have a time to ask candid questions as they seek to explore God's design for their family.

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Infertility From a Man's Perspective (For Men Only)
Wed, Jun 9 @ 6:30–8 pm - HFBC Connection Center

Men from our church will be sharing through testimony what it was like for them to walk through infertility. Each of them will share how God grew them personally, through their marriage and how He grew their family. There will also be a time of questions and answers for you to ask candid questions about their journey of infertility.

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BOOKS

Available at CornerBooks
When the Cradle is Empty by John and Sylvia VanRegenmorter
From Ashes to Africa by Josh and Amy Bottomly
Adopted for Life by Russell Moore

ARTICLE

http://www.FocusOnTheFamily.com/Marriage/Facing_Crisis/Infertility.aspx