

Think about it.

1. What is the most peculiar thing that you have encountered with your in-laws?
2. What was the biggest adjustment you have to make with the family that you married into?

Discovering the Word.

1. Read Genesis 29:1-28. What realization made Jacob upset in this story?
2. What did Jacob do to earn the right to marry Rachel?
3. What trick did Laban play on Jacob? How would you have felt if you were Jacob?
4. How does favoritism rear its head with in-law relationships? What has your experience been with in-laws and favoritism? What does James 2:9 teach about favoritism?
5. Why is acceptance important with in-law relationships? How have you felt accept or rejected by in-laws? What does Paul teach about acceptance in Romans 15:7?
6. Why is it important for us to invest in our children, their spouse, and our grandchildren? How did Ruth make an investment in Ruth 1:16?
7. What is the significance of support and encouragement in a family structure? What does 1 Thessalonians 5:11 teach about encouragement?
8. Read Genesis 29:27-28. How did Jacob respond to his situation?

What will you do?

1. What can you learn from Jacob's faithfulness in this story?
2. What can you learn from this story about how God can bring positive to negative situations?
3. What steps is God leading you to make to encourage, accept, and embrace your in-law relationships?