

Genesis 28-31

Deceived:
Guarding Ourselves From
Being Taken Advantage Of

I. We Are Vulnerable To Deception Especially When Related To Desires To Be Married – Guard Our Motives, Integrity And Religious Commitment (Gen 28:1-9)



**II. Remember
That The Only
Promise We
Can Really
Trust Is God's
(Gen 28:10-22)**



III. Don't Be So Focused On What We Want That We Ignore How To Obtain It (Gen 29:1-30)



IV. Envy And Desperation, Even For Something Good, Makes Us More Susceptible To Manipulation (Gen 29:31 – 30:24)



V. Be Honest When Negotiating With A Deceptive Manipulator Because One Cannot Argue Against Integrity (Gen 30:25 – 31:42)



VI. Ultimately God Is Our Witness To One's Integrity And Deceptiveness (31:34-55)



Laban

Called the stone
Jegar-
sahadutha
("heap of the
testimony")



Jacob

Called the stone
Galeed
("witness pile")
Also known as
Mizpah ("place
of looking")

Conclusion:

- Trust in God who keeps His promise
- Be trustworthy before God in maintaining our integrity
- When taken advantaged of, focus on His grace