

Series: A Wrestle to Trust
Passage: Genesis 34:1-31
Speaker: Pastor Jon

THE LIFE CHALLENGE

CONNECT

Have you ever felt totally helpless? Maybe as a kid, or an injury, or a work situation, or as a parent? Share if you feel comfortable. What was the thing that made you feel so helpless?



IDENTITY

This week's passage dealt with a difficult Bible story. How do you process or make sense of the difficult stories (with sex or violence), like this one, in the Old Testament? Was anything a challenge in our passage?

One element of the story was the references to intermarriage between other nations and Israel. Do you think the Church today is more **influencing** culture, or **being influenced** by culture? Why?

THE EXAMEN

In the story, there are a lot of different reactions. Many of us have these same reactions to hard situations. Which character do you most connect with right now (see list on right)?

The premise of the message is that **we are all defiled in some way**. What do you do when you feel defiled? Is there a person you trust for this kind of confession? Do you think this is important as a regular practice in our lives?

voiceless victim,
the taker,
the enabler,
the fighter or
the passive avoider



PRACTICE: JESUS AS SAVIOUR

The sermon ended by looking to Jesus. Pastor Jon said our big question is often "*Where is God in our suffering?*". Jonathan shared about Jesus meeting him in the communion table. Where might Jesus want to meet you?

There were four stories about Jesus interacting with the voiceless unnamed women. Read through some or all the accounts. **John 8:1-11, John 4:1-26, Luke 8:40-48, Luke 7:36-50**. What jumps out to you about Jesus's responses? What might Jesus be saying to you in your moment of need?

PRAY TOGETHER

If you are willing, share needs (or even struggles) with one another. Then pray together.