

# Fathers & Daughters

## in the Biblical Tradition



### *Session One:* A Stealthy Wedding Planner Genesis 29: 13-30

1. **Talkback with Pastor Nina** - How does this narrative in Genesis 29 candidly demonstrate that often - even in family life - human beings value others for what they can do for us, rather than for who they are? Might you share any personal episodes from family life where God took a relationship of brokenness or struggle, and turned it into something good?
2. **Father's Day** - Do you agree with the commentator Gordon Wenham when he says, "However mean Laban was to Jacob, he still treated his daughters generously"? What are the commendable features of Laban's fatherhood in this scene? What concerns you about Laban's behavior? Do you have a father-daughter "wedding story" you would like to share?
3. **Go Deeper** - Identify the several references to "serve" or "service" in this story. What are the best models of servanthood, and what are the worst? What are the most positive theological or ethical messages distilled from this rather curious episode, overall?