

## You + Your Spouse (5.1.22)

**S** Scripture  
**O** Observation  
**A** Application  
**P** Prayer



### Marriage should not be transactional

- What do you know of the story of Jacob, his two wives, and his twelve sons?

**Read:** Genesis 29:16-20

- Can you imagine working seven years to get the right to marry someone? What do you think that was like for Jacob?

**Read:** Genesis 29:21-30

- How would you have reacted if you were in Jacob's shoes?

**Read:** Genesis 29:31-35

- Here, and up through Genesis 30:24, the conflict between Jacob and his wives escalates into a series of back-and-forth score keeping. Have you experienced a relationship that devolved into a series of transactions? How did things turn out?
- On Sunday, Walter said that instead of score keeping, marriage should be defined by love. What's your definition of love?
- Love, from a Biblical understanding, is putting another person's highest good above your own. If you are married, what can you do to love your spouse this week? If you are not married, what can you do to love your parents, your siblings, or those around you this week?

**Read:** Galatians 5:22-23

- What does it look like to invite the Holy Spirit to grow this fruit in you?
- We're challenging everyone to transcribe Galatians 5:22-23 one time each day this week. How's that been going for you? What have you noticed?

**Prayer:** Ask God's Holy Spirit to help you grow love in your relationships with others over the next seven days.