



# Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



## Episode 011: Stolen Gods Genesis 31

- Do you think God has a sense of humor? Why or why not?

There is something ironic, though not that surprising, about two cheats not being able to trust each other. It's funny to stand back and see how their problem rests first in themselves, and only secondly in each other.

- What relationship problems have you blamed on someone else that might actually be also a result of your own attitude(s) or behavior(s)?
- What would Jacob and Laban have needed to do to finally build a relationship of trust between each other?
- What did Laban's cheating and distrust cost him in the end?
- If you stand back and look at your own life from God's point of view, how many of the conflicts you face are in part the result of your own stubbornness or suspicion?

Thankfully God did not stubbornly stand on the side waiting for us to return to Him. He knew we never would. So instead He sent His Son to win our salvation by His perfect life, innocent suffering and death and glorious resurrection. Through the faith the Holy Spirit has worked in us God has restored His relationship with us and removed the dividing wall of hostility. Now He works to restore our relationships with each other.

- How can trust be rebuilt in a relationship which has been shattered by sin?
- How can we employ God's help to rebuild that trust?