

Sunday, October 10, 2021
"The Gospel Lives of Isaac & Jacob"
Summary of The Wilderness Years
Genesis 29:1-30
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God's pattern of training for greatness is commonly seen in the Bible. A place of leadership over God's people frequently follows a period of lengthy preparation in the wilderness of exile. This common pattern links Abraham, whose call to service came at age seventy-five, and Moses, who kept his father-in-law's sheep before being turned loose on God's flock, and David, who spent years on the run as an outcast before rising to the throne God had promised him. For each, God's way to glory passed through the valley of humiliation. Jacob would be no stranger to this path. His life was marked by conflict and strife from before day one. Even in the womb, life was a struggle for Jacob. In Genesis 29 he found himself thrust out into the world as a fugitive, little prepared to live by faith. One of the truths we will learn is that home, for Jacob and for you and me, is on the other side of the wilderness, where we shall be in God's house forever, with hearts and voices tuned to a perfect pitch.

