

From the Mailbox: Futility

Here is my answer to someone who wondered why life was not working the way the principles said it should.

When you sow much and never reap proportionally, it often means that the inner world you see is not where you belong therefore the spiritual laws you are invoking don't apply in that territory.

You are in Paddan Aram with Laban who ripped Jacob off every which way, made him pay lots for what he got, then had the unmitigated gall to stand in front of him when he left and say out loud, "The women are **my** daughters, the children are **my** children, and the flocks are **my** flocks. All you see is **mine**."

That dude had some disconnects from reality.

God did miracles for Jacob to make him wealthy in Paddan Aram, but he could never get justice, respect, intimacy or legitimacy until he was redomiciled to Canaan – Bethel to be precise.

And the redomiciling was unmitigated. Laban was not to cross the boundary of the stone pile, and Jacob was not to either. Permanent cutting off of grandparents and grandkids. No family connection allowed because it was not possible to maintain family connections and have any semblance of spiritual vitality in his life.

Even within his four wives, there was constant division, bickering, maneuvering and failure to have a particle of peace and righteous community when they were in Paddan Aram.



As soon as he crossed the Brook Jabbok, everything changed. When he was in a different spiritual region, **the one where he belonged**, without his trying at all, he was magically reconciled to his brother Esau, later to his father Isaac, and there is never again a single sentence about wifely rivalry.

So I suggest you go to Passionate Manhood Part 1 and listen to the material on redomiciling about three times, then see about asking God to relocate your spirit from where it has been, for a while, to the spiritual oasis where it belongs.

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