

Series: Jacob - Life in Tension.

Title: "Feeding Ourselves to Wolves"

Text: Genesis 34

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Setting the Context:

Galatians 4:3 *In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.*

- When it comes to living for Jesus, the world is the _____.

Seeing the Issues:

1. The Danger.

Here's what the world will do to you:

A. You wind up _____ God.

James 4:4 *You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

B. You link up with _____.

1 John 2:17 *The world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

C. You open up to _____.

Psalms 101:3-4 *I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. ⁴A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil.*

D. You fill up with _____.

2 Peter 1:4 *...He has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.*

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All scripture quotes are from the English Standard Version unless otherwise noted.

2. The Attraction.

A. The world's _____ - vs. 9 (NIV) *intermarry with us...*

B. The world's _____ - vs. 10 *live with us...*

C. The world's _____ - vs. 10 *live and trade in it and get property in it.*

— In other words, surrender your convictions and your _____ and live with (_____) us.

3. The Distortion.

— Religion becomes a tool so that we can hang on to the world, but not _____ so _____ about it.

A. Dinah's brothers _____.

v13 *The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and his father Hamor deceitfully, because he had defiled their sister Dinah.*

B. Shechem - marriage to a _____ girl.

v11 *Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give."*

C. The Leaders - financial gain.

v23 *Will not their livestock, their property and all their beasts be ours? Only let us agree with them, and they will dwell with us.*

4. The Failure.

A. Dinah - _____ with the world, suffered grave consequences.

B. Jacob - a father's greatest _____.

C. Simeon and Levi - the offer of conversion for the worst possible motive.

Solving the Problem:

Galatians 6:14 *But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*