

CROSS MY HEART #5
"Jacob and Laban - A pile of family conflict"
Genesis 31 / April 14, 2013

Intro - All who have been wronged have also been wrong. Our most dysfunctional relationships are often those closest to us.

- **10 Family Dysfunctions (vs. 1-43)**
 - Accusation (v. 1) "Jacob has taken everything"
 - Attitude (v. 2/5) "your father's attitude is not what it was"
 - Secrets (v. 4) "come out to the fields"
 - Cheating (v. 7/41) "cheated me by changing my wages"
 - Unwanted (v. 4) "does he not regard us as foreigners?"
 - Stealing (v. 19/30) "Why did you steal my gods?"
 - Deceit (v. 20/26) "Jacob deceived Laban"
 - Lying (v. 35) "I cannot stand up in your presence"
 - Anger (v. 22-25, 36) "Jacob was angry"
 - Injustice (v. 38-41) "20 years...hardship...toil"

Does any of this sound familiar?

- **God as... ("with me" vs. 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 24, 42)**
 - ...watcher (vs. 12, 42, 49)
 - ...witness (vs. 50)
 - ...judge (vs. 37, 42, 53)
- **So I will...**
 - ...be careful (v. 24, 29)
 - ...let go (v. 43)
 - ...bless not harm (52, 55, and maybe 49)

Close - One who did no wrong was wronged for our wrongs (vs. 54)

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Pray for Eastview Christian Church:

*Pray for safety for Pastor Mike, Pastor Tyler, Pastor Bill and Elder Steve as they explore ministry possibilities for Eastview in India (April 14-24). Pray for the Spirit to show them what He wants and to empower their preaching, teaching, and encouragement.
*Pray for Pastor J.K. as he prepares to preach next week.
*Pray for Pastor Jim as he coordinates our teaching resource for this September's all church study "Open".
*Pray for the students who are studying at our partnership at the Darjeeling International Bible Academy that God would prepare them to be truly dangerous witnesses in their Hindu and Muslim world.
*Pray for Ajai Lall and his leadership of Central India Christian Mission as he leads churches representing nearly 250,000 Christians.

Jennifer McCartney (11:30)

I never knew anything about God, Jesus or Church. My family never went or talked about it. Even as a small child, I could remember praying to Jesus. In my heart he was there and I felt him. Praying came naturally to me. As I grew older and had a child, the yearning for him grew so deep, but I never stepped into church. So when I was trying to figure out what to do, a group of young adults approached me at a restaurant. They paid for my meal and told me they were from Eastview. I cried because I knew God had been listening to me, and I decided to come to Eastview. I was home the moment I first walked through those doors. I love what I learn and what I feel here. I'm excited to take this step and continue learning and walking with the Lord.