

Barriers To A Strong Family

According to God, who gave us the family, families matter.

Lacking Unconditional Love
Genesis 29.15-30.23

In marriage, and in the family, love has no conditions

It's Complicated

29.15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?"... 18 Now Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."

30 So *Jacob* went in to Rachel also, and indeed he loved Rachel more than Leah, and he served with Laban for another seven years.

31 Now the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, and He opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.

30.1 Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she became jealous of her sister; and she said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die."

22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God gave heed to her and opened her womb. 23 So she conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach." 24 She named him Joseph,

37 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic. 4 His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so they hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms.

Let's Make It Simple

When a family lacks love, it is headed for disaster

His love for Rachel and their children had no conditions or restrictions

If love comes with conditions, it probably isn't really love

Is your love unconditional?