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Come Follow Me ~ Genesis 29

Behold, Rachel (Gen 29). Love at first sight! When Jacob arrived in the eastern lands of his relatives, he saw the love of his life, Rachel, at the same well where his mother was chosen to be his father's wife. Rachel was a perfect fit for Jacob. She was a relative, related to Abraham's family, she was beautiful, she was a shepherd, and Jewish tradition says that she was also a twin like Jacob. (Jewish tradition says that the twin sons of Rebekah were promised to marry the twin daughters of Laban, but when Esau decided to marry a Hittite, the promise was forfeited and fell upon Jacob).

This love story is full of romantic language including love at first sight, kissing, courting, marriage proposal, a long engagement, and finally a wedding. Of course, this love story is not without its heart breaks and scandal. Nonetheless, in the end, the LORD blesses this love story. Jacob and Rachel represent the greatest love story in the Bible. It also represents one of the most tragic and saddest episode in the Bible, the sudden death of Jacob's love Rachel at the birth of her second son. Thank the LORD that they were sealed under the Everlasting Covenant of Marriage of the Abrahamic Covenant.

