

# Youth



## ✔ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

## ✔ Messiness

Play the "Hot Shots" movie clip. Stop at the 1:20 mark.

- What do you think is about to happen to Dead Meat? He thinks he has the perfect life, but it is about to get very messy.
- Have you ever thought that you have the perfect life? Why or why not?
- Why does life seem to get messy right after we think we have it all figured out?
- What one thing would you say is messing up your life right now?

## ✔ Waiting

Read Genesis 29:15-30.

Watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

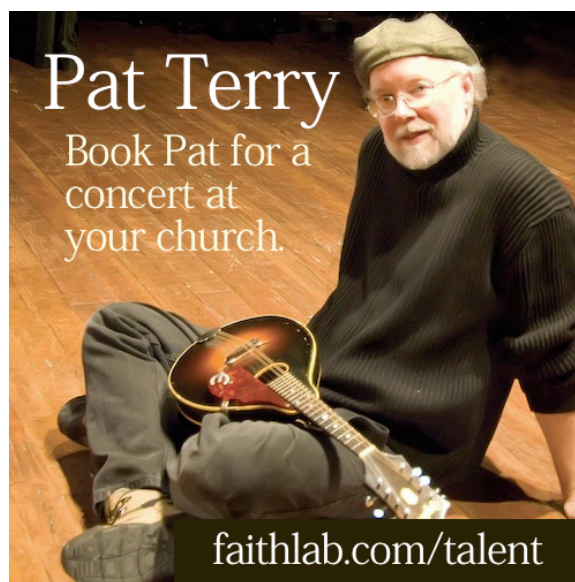
- What is the longest you have ever waited for anything? Would you be willing to wait 14 years for someone or something? Why or why not?
- Why do you think Jacob was willing to wait for Rachel, even after he was tricked? How would you react if you were treated so unfairly? Do you think Jacob got what he deserved? Why or why not? Do you think this long wait messed up Jacob's life? Why or why not?
- How might this long wait have been necessary for Jacob's transformation into a servant?
- How tough is it to wait on an answer from God? Explain
- What are you waiting for God to show you right now?

## ✔ Growth

- The best you can, tell us your specific plans for your future. What was Jacob's plan?
- How do you think you will handle it when your plans get messed up?  
Show the "Soul Surfer" clip.

- How did the accident affect her life? What type of emotions would you have in her situation? Why? What good came out of her situation?
- Have you ever faced a situation that messed up your life? Explain.
- Do you see any evidence of God using that to help you grow in your faith? How so?
- How might God be using the circumstances in your life right now to draw you closer to God?

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