

# “Letting Go of Anxiety”

Anxiety anx·i·e·ty aNG'zīədē/ noun: **anxiety**; plural noun: **anxieties** 1) a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease, typically about an imminent event or something with an uncertain outcome.

1 Peter 5:6-7 NIV

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your **anxiety** on him because he cares for you.

## Primogeniture

Genesis 25:28 NLT

Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating the wild game Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 29:13-14 NLT

When Jacob had told him his story, Laban exclaimed, “You really are my own flesh and blood!”

Genesis 29:15-17 NLT

Laban said to him, “You shouldn’t work for me without pay just because we are relatives. Tell me how much your wages should be.”

Now Laban had two daughters. The older daughter was named Leah, and the younger one was Rachel. There was no sparkle in Leah’s eyes, but Rachel had a beautiful figure and a lovely face. Since Jacob was in love with Rachel, he told her father, “**I’ll work for you for seven years if you’ll give me Rachel**, your younger daughter, as my wife.”

Genesis 29:11 NLT

Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and he wept aloud.

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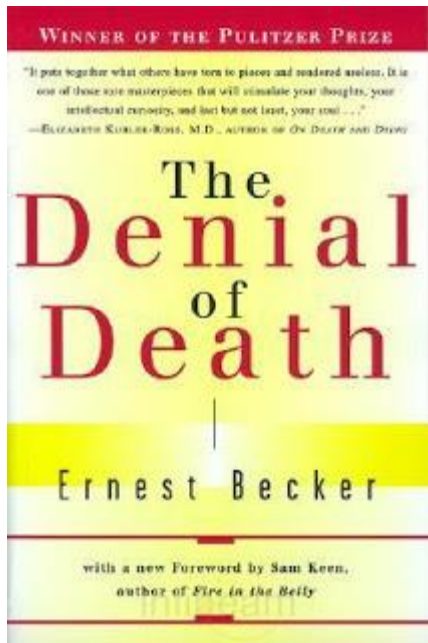
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Genesis 29:20 NLT

So Jacob worked seven years to pay for Rachel. But his love for her was so strong that it seemed to him but a few days.

Genesis 29:21 NLT

Finally, the time came for him to marry her. “I have fulfilled my agreement,” Jacob said to Laban. “Now give me my wife so I can sleep with her.”



### The Romantic Solution

“The belief that if we can find that one true love, all our feelings of insignificance, purposelessness, and meaninglessness will dissipate.”

Ernest Decker, *The Denial of Death*

“I will work for Rachel for seven years.”

Genesis 29:19 NLT

“I’d rather give her to you than to anyone else. Stay and work with me.”

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Genesis 29:26 NLT

“It’s not our custom here to marry off a younger daughter ahead of the firstborn.”

Verse 17 There was no sparkle in Leah’s eyes, but Rachel had a beautiful figure and a lovely face.

**Reuben** means to see

**Simeon** means to hear

**Levi** means to attach

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Most people, if they really learned how to look inside their own hearts would know they want something that this world cannot give them. These are longings which no marriage, no travel, no learning will ever satisfy... There is always something that we have grasped at the first moment of longing that just fades away with reality. The thing we thought we were going to get in the new experience always evades us. C.S. Lewis

Ecclesiastes 12:13 NLT

That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty.

Genesis 29:35 NLT

Once again Leah became pregnant and gave birth to another son. She named him Judah, for she said, "**Now I will praise the LORD!**" And then she stopped having children.

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