Message Outline   **Genesis 29:14 God Disciplines His Children**

The main points of the story
Laban and Jacob agree that Jacob will work for 7 years to earn Rachel as his bride.
On the wedding night Laban gives Jacob Leah instead of Rachel.
Jacob married Rachel as well as Leah and works another 7 years.
God has not promised us life without troubles. He uses our troubles to train us in obedience.

Laban sins. Jacob also sins. God is still in control of these events
God controls in all events, including human sinful decisions Ro 11:36; Proverbs 21:1
God does not make us sin. We sin by our own choices. James 1:13-15
Sometimes we have to say in a challenging situation, "It was my mistake, my sin. But God is working for my good, even now."

In this situation of human sins, God is still working to fulfil his promises to Jacob
God had promised to make Jacob's descendants into a great nation
Jacob now has two wives and their two maids, and they give him 12 sons and they become the twelve tribe of Israel.
God is fulfilling his promises to Jacob even in the situation of his sin.
God is always working for our good Romans 11:36

God rebukes Jacob for his previous sin
Jacob has tricked his blind father into thinking he – Jacob - was Esau and blessing him instead of Esau
Now Laban has tricked Jacob into thinking Leah was Rachel and taking her as his wife.
Jacob can only say, "Laban has done to me just what I did back there to my Dad."

Bible study questions   Genesis 29:14 God Disciplines His Children

What are the main things that happen in this story?

Look at the following Bible verses and suggest how each one might help us to understand this story

Proverbs 21:1

James 1:13-15

Proverbs 3:11 with Hebrews 12:4-11

Romans 8:28

Some people might want to say that this story teaches us "Even when we sin God will still bless us; therefore, we can sin as much as we want."

What can we say from the Bible to reject this idea? State your counter argument and support it with a Bible verse or two from the verses given above.