PRINCIPLE #1  Our government is full of intrigue and conspiracy with every activity being politically driven or accused of being politically driven. What is seen is only the tip of the ice berg, not only in the physical realm, but also in the spiritual realm.

The chaos and the lack of common sense seem so overwhelming and it is so easy to be caught up into it. God is faithful. He is faithful to His righteousness, He is faithful to His Word, He is faithful to those that are righteous, and He is faithful to all of His creation.

Romans 3:21-22 NIV
Romans 4:3 NIV
Psalms 42:9-11 NIV

We are not forgotten by God, but we are in situations where we feel oppressed by the enemy.

We feel mental and physical anguish at our circumstances and taunted by the enemy.

Our soul is downcast and disturbed and must be lifted up by our spirit joined with the Spirit of the Living God and our soul must be encouraged to put our trust in Him.

Genesis 29:31-35 NASB

Jacob was terribly disappointed when he found out that he had been married to Leah instead of Rachel.

His love for Rachel began when he first saw her tending sheep and he agreed to work for Laban for seven years in order to marry Rachel.

Rachel was always his first love, any hatred for Leah passed with time.

Genesis 49:29-32 NIV

Reuben is born and Leah believes that she will at least be equally loved by Jacob. She recognizes that God has seen her affliction.

Leah still feels unloved by Jacob, but has the knowledge that God hears her and is blessed by the son, Simeon.

PRINCIPLE #2  Leah didn’t receive her utmost desire, but He gave her something that she needed in place of it. There are those who promise you health, wealth, and prosperity, but if it doesn’t show up, stick to God’s word and see His faithfulness in the present as well as for eternity.

Leah bears Jacob a third son and appears to feel physically loved if not emotionally loved. In her improved relationship, she fails to show any appreciation to the Lord.

In everything give thanks.
Leah becomes pregnant with Jacob’s fourth son and she is ready to praise the Lord. She knows there is something special about this son. She names him Judah.

Rebekah knew the paths of Jacob and Esau before they were born, so why not Leah.

She probably didn’t know that Reuben would lose his birthright for laying with Jacob’s concubine, Bilhah.

She probably didn’t know that Simeon and Levi would be passed over because of their violent judgment on the people of Shechem when it was only one man who violated Dinah.

She probably didn’t know that Jacob would bless Judah as the one from whom kings would come.

Genesis 49:10 NASB

PRINCIPLE #3  Regardless of her knowledge and understanding of the importance of her sons, she came to understand the importance of praising God and not be consumed with seeking the praise of Jacob.

The same is true with us today. There are many issues in our government, not to mention issues in our personal lives that create stress and chaos and none of you would share the same solutions that I would have to deal with these issues except for this (perhaps). First, let us praise the Lord for His being in charge, be led by His Spirit, and trust Him in all things.

יהודה יהוה

Formally, the name Judah does not contain the appellative יה (Yah) = יהוה (Yahu) = י (Yu), which in turn are abbreviated forms of the Tetragrammaton; the name of the Lord: YHWH, but no member of a Hebrew audience would fail to notice that the first two letters of the name Judah form יהוה (YHWH). And if the letter ד (daleth) would be omitted from the name Judah, the very name יהוה (YHWH) would appear

Selflessness
The dalet, the poor man, receives charity from the rich man, the gimel. The word dalet means “door.” The door stands in the opening of the house, the beit.

John 10:9 NASB