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GENESIS 34 - 35

*Dinah*

## Read Genesis 34

1. Who is Dinah?
2. Who is Shechem and what does he do to Dinah?
3. How did Shechem feel about Dinah? What did he ask his father to do for him?
4. What is Jacob's reaction to his meeting with Shechem's father, Hamor?

**Describe, in detail, the revenge of Jacob's sons.**

5. How does Jacob respond upon hearing what his sons have done? Why does he respond this way?

# No Way, Shechem!

Every now and then there will be a news story about someone being attacked by another person or one group attacking another group, and sometimes part of their domination and victory includes rape. This is an especially evil act because it combines brutal violence with sex. Any time a woman is raped, she is violated against her will, and she can never be the same. Men can also be victims of rape.

**The story in Genesis, Chapter 34, tells us of Shechem, a local prince, who rapes Dinah. Because of his power, Shechem figures he can do what he want to her. But in the end, his life is taken.**

Rape is a violent and sinful act, no matter what the context. We are to respect one another, no matter what. Position or power does not give us the right to commit sexual violence. Rape and any other sexual abuses are an outrage to God.

**We can learn a lot from the story of Dinah and her brothers. In today's society, what would be an appropriate response to learning that someone close to you has been the victim of sexual violence?**

**What can you do? What should you do?**