

WRESTLING to the END OF SELF

Genesis 32:22-32

1. Like with Jacob, God **REVEALS** himself by his **GRACE** to us **EARLY** on through different means. (Gen 26:25-29, Eph 1:3-6, Rom 1:19-20, Ps 19:1-14)
2. Like Jacob, we often want to go our **OWN** way and **ACHIEVE** our **OWN** glory (Gen 25:29-34, Gen 27:18-29, Rom 10:3, Phil 2:21, Isa 53:6, 65:2, 66:3, Prof 14:11-14, 16:9, 21:2)
3. Like with Jacob, God is **WITH** you and will **NOT LEAVE** you. (Gen 28:13-15, 1 Thes 5:23-24, Phil 1:6)
4. Like Jacob, we often want a **TRANSACTIONAL** relationship with God...if God does **THIS**, then I will do **THAT**. (Gen 28:20-21, Mark 10:35-40, Luke 9:51-56, 1 Sam 8:4-9, James 4:3-6)
5. Like Jacob, we start to **ASK** out of dependence on God, but we continue to **DO** our own plans. (Gen 32:9-21, Matt 11:28-30)
6. Like with Jacob, God does not let us go, but **HOLDS** on until we are **BROKEN** and **LEAN** into Him. (Gen 32:24-26, Dent 31:6, Ps 136, Mat 28:20, Heb 13:5)
7. Like with Jacob, God **HONORS** our cry of humility and **BLESSES** us with a new identity. (Gen 32:27-31, 2 Cor 5:17, Gal 2:20, 1 Pet 2:9)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, confused, or edified you?
2. We studied that Jacob went from knowing God adjacently (family), to transactionally, to brokenly, to personally. Remind one another of each of these phases of his life. (Hint: You can read the Genesis verses next to each point) Where do you see yourself in Jacob? Where are you in Jacob's story? (You can be several places at once).
3. Jacob's earthly identity as a heel grabber and deceiver became Israel's heavenly identity as governed by God. What changed him? What characterized your earthly identity? What changed you? What characterizes your heavenly identity now?
4. We saw that after the Lord wrestled with Jacob all night and saw that He could not prevail against him (Jacob remained in his own strength), He reached out and dislocated his hip. Why did the Lord purposefully allow that pain in Jacob's life? How did it change Jacob? What has the Lord dislocated in your life to bring you to the end of yourself? How has it changed you?
5. Take some time reading 2 Corinthians 12:1-10. Discuss Paul's thorn in his side. What is the meaning of a thorn in the flesh? Why was he given it? What does it reveal to him? Why doesn't the Lord remove it? If you had your choice and God came to you saying he would take away your pain, but you wouldn't know Him in a deeper way, would you want him to? Why? Or vice versa would you accept the lingering pain in order to know Him deeper all the days of your life? Why?