

JACOB: WRESTLING WITH GOD

Genesis Series – Study # 43

Text: Genesis 32:22-32

The Story

1. Jacob _____ from his family. (32:22-24a)
2. Jacob _____ with a stranger. (32:24b-26a)
Exodus 33:20
3. Jacob's _____ is changed. (32:26b-29)
 - Jacob means "to supplant, grasp, or seize" with the connotation of _____, manipulating
 - Israel comes from two words: "God" and "to struggle" with possible connotations of "God contends, may God prevail, he _____ with God"
4. Jacob is a _____ man. (32:30-32)
 - Changed _____
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Application

1. When "wrestling" with God, it is best to just _____ to Him.

"The answer to our struggles is not that we _____ God to do what we want, but that we _____ to what God wants."

2. God gives us a new _____ when we surrender to Christ.
3. God wants us to _____ to our new identity in Christ, not our old identity.
4. God will bring benefit from our _____.
 - We will _____ Him more.
(2 Corinthians 12:1-10)
 - We can help and comfort _____.
(2 Corinthians 1:3-7)
5. We may "limp" at times because of our brokenness, but we can walk _____ because of our relationship with God.

Conclusion

Jacob's _____ had not changed, but _____ had changed.