

# GENESIS 32:24-32

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## THEME:

*The Household of Faith*

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## TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

***Wrestling with God pt.-2***

## INTRODUCTION;

### Hosea 12:10

I have also spoken by the prophets, and have multiplied visions;  
I have given symbols through the witness of the prophets.

We cannot help but see our own relationship  
with God in the life of Jacob;

Jacob, Chosen By God, yet in trouble.

- *Consumed with the fear of meeting up with "Esau"*
- *Traveling with the desire to be home,  
yet obstacles are ever-present*
- *Jacob (vs.24) finds himself alone*

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**In the Crisis of Life God becomes more present then ever...**

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*We Glide over words like..... "Faith", "Hope", "Trials" "Suffering" "Perseverance -  
Submission"*

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*The Bible and our lives anticipate, presuppose these event markers.*

## Verse 24

### Human Solitude & Divine Discipline

*Perhaps he's desiring sleep, to stand-guard (??)*

I can't help but think that this night alone must have been difficult for Jacob. A strong, resourceful, independent nature makes it hard to wait before God, - vigilant, he waits the night through but suddenly a intruder, in fact a wrestling match brakes up

## Verse 25

### Divine Power over Human Opposition;

*The confrontation is not a lesson in prayer (for the Man wrestled with Jacob, not Jacob with the Man) but in removing of all that Jacob trust in out side of God.*

\_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S SEVERE MERCY \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Psalm 32:9**

Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.

#### **GOD'S SEVERE MERCY MEANS PAIN**

NO PAIN, NO GAIN

#### **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. <sup>8</sup> Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup> And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

### *Philippians 3:7-10*

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. <sup>8</sup> Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, *and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,*

### **Romans 8:28-29**

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be **conformed** to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

### Conformed

*HEB; summorphos (soom-mor-fos')*

*to be formed together, to be similar: fashioned like or molded the same*

## The New Life In Christ

### THIS IS A LESSON IN DEATH OF SELF

**Death to;** His own resources  
His own strengths  
His own self-trust  
His own abilities  
His own Self-preservation

DOES THIS FRIGHTEN YOU?

*Then Let God Pin you, Let Him win  
( Let Him do quickly what He's going to do eventually )*

### **Galatians 2:20 KJV**

I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live, yet it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me...

## The " New Creation " Process

**Isaiah 64:8**

But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter and all we are the work of Your hand.

**Jeremiah 18:3**

Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. <sup>4</sup> And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

HERE'S WERE VICTORY LIES FOR US IN ALL THE BATTLES OF LIFE.

- He has pledged His faithfulness to us
  - His word, His covenant
  - His Life

THE PROMISED LAND COMES BY A GIFT

**Luke 12:32 KJV**

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Verse 26

Human Helplessness Realized

*Jacob knowing he has encountered someone of greater position than himself, request a blessing*

**Hosea 12:3-4a**

He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and in his strength he struggled with God. <sup>4</sup> Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; **he wept**, and sought favor from Him.

Struggled to contend, to labor against

Verse 27

Divine Blessing

- What is your name?.....supplanter, trickster
- What have you been doing?.....supplanting, trickster
- What has been your manner of life?...supplanting, trickster

Verse 28

I'm Jacob!!!  
*self-governed, self-sufficient*

The Blessing is a changed name.  
*A changed character, A CHANGED HEART*

Israel, God's Prince  
*(One who prevails)*

*The Septuagint puts it like this;*

" You have had power with God.  
You shall have greater power with men"

**JABEZ**  
**PAINFUL**

**1 Chronicles 4:10**

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

When we are Born-Again our Names are Changed

**Revelation 2:17**

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give.....a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.

**Revelation 3:12 KJV**

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

## Verse 29

### JUDGES 13:18

SAMSON ANNOUNCED BIRTH & MANOAH'S REQUEST

### WONDERFUL

#### Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called WONDERFUL, Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

#### *Wonderful*

*HEB; paw-lee ;*

*secret, hidden, too high, marvelous, miraculous, wondrous, remarkable,*

## Verse 30

#### Psalm 27:4

One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

#### *Exodus 33:12-23*

Moses meets God in the clef of the rock.

#### Revelation 20:11

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

#### 1 Timothy 6:14-16

...keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, :15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, :16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power.

#### DOCTRINE;

#### John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

**1 Corinthians 13:12**

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

Verse 31

The Sun never seemed so real then that Morning  
*New Grace, New Mercy ever morning*

**Lamentations 3:22-23**

Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Verse 32

THE PHYSICAL HANDICAP SPOKE OF A SPIRITUAL VICTORY!

- *Jacob became handicapped that **God's will might be accomplished***
- *Jesus became handicapped that **God's glory might be displayed***
- *You've become handicapped that the **praise might be of God and not of men,***

JOGGING WITH JESUS

- See this **bruise**, got while **witnessing**
- See this **cut**, got it while I was **servicing**
- See this **scar**, got while **praying**
- See this **limp**, got it **resisting** God's work in my life.

TAKE NOTE;

- Bethel,                      The House of God  
   a reminder of God's **Presence**
- Mahan'aim,                The Host of God  
   a reminder of God's **Power**
- Peniel,                      The Face of God  
   a reminder of God's **Pleasure**

## Recap Verse 29

NOTE; THE POINT AT WHICH THE BLESSING CAME;

### **Psalm 66:18**

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.

### **Isaiah 59:1-2**

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. <sup>2</sup> But your iniquities (Jacobness) have separated you from your God; and your sins (Jacobness) have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.