

## JACOB: WRESTLING WITH GOD

Genesis 32:22-32 // Dr. Ron Jones

Frederick Buechner characterizes Jacob's divine encounter at the Jabbok River as the "magnificent defeat of the human soul at the hands of God."

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*By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.* HEBREWS 11:21 ESV

The name "Jacob" means \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Jacob the Cheater

- Esau's \_\_\_\_\_ GENESIS 25
- Isaac's \_\_\_\_\_ GENESIS 27
- Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_ GENESIS 29
- Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_ GENESIS 31
- Laban's \_\_\_\_\_ GENESIS 31

## Wrestling with God

1. Expect to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

*The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup> And Jacob was left alone.* GENESIS 32:22-24a ESV

2. Anticipate a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.* GENESIS 32:24b-25 ESV

3. \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_

*Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."* GENESIS 32:26 ESV

4. Walk in your \_\_\_\_\_.

*And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."* GENESIS 32:27-28 ESV