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GENERATIONS

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Lucha Libre on the Jabbok
Genesis 32:22-32

Jacob's Five Victorious Moves

1. Face your _____

2. Grapple with _____

3. Remember: God never _____

4. _____ to God

5. Welcome God's _____

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Study Guide

For the week of March 16, 2025

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Read Genesis 32:22-32.

What are the facts? Where is Jacob going? Why is he going there?

Why does Jacob take his family and possessions across the river then go back across the river to spend the night alone?

Who is Jacob wrestling?

Why would God do this?

Look at the text. Does the man wrestle Jacob, or does Jacob wrestle the man?

Why might that matter, and what might that mean for us?

How could Jacob fight a supernatural being to a standstill?

I want you to notice something. The man (or angel) had the power to disable Jacob at any time. When it began to get light and the angel wished to leave, all he had to do was touch his hip socket and it wrenched it out of place. If the man could win whenever he so desired, why didn't he? I would suggest that it was because the struggle was necessary for the growth of Jacob. Jacob needed to see the superiority of his opponent with clarity. Jacob knew the right words and could perform the right actions . . . but his heart still was not completely the Lord's. It's easy to have superficial faith. However, a crisis forces us to grapple with our real feelings and our true faith. God provokes this crisis to bring Jacob to a point of genuine faith. When Jacob called out for a blessing from God, the wall had been broken through. God did not just want Jacob's worship. He wanted his heart. And He wants the same from us

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Why does the wrestler ask Jacob for his name (v.27)?

Do you find this question at all odd?

The man knew who he was wrestling with didn't he?

And if this is God's agent (and we believe it is) shouldn't he already know the man's name without having to ask it?

God asked Jacob his name not because He didn't know it . . . He wanted to know if Jacob knew it. He wanted to know if Jacob was ready to come to grips with who he really was or whether he was going to continue to fight the Lord.

Why did God hurt Jacob's hip? How did his limp impact his life?

How do our scars impact our lives?

What is the ultimate point of this story?

What does it have to do with your life?

What personal needs has the Holy Spirit exposed during this study?

How can we pray with you about those needs?

***Consider memorizing
2 Corinthians 1:4.***

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