

Part 1: Jacob

The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.

- Exodus 33:11 NIV

Whenever, though, they turn to face God as Moses did, God removes the veil and there they are—face-to-face! They suddenly recognize that God is a living, personal presence, not a piece of chiseled stone...

- 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 MSG

...And when God is personally present, a living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is recognized as obsolete. We're free of it! All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of his face...

- 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 MSG

...And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him.

- 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 MSG

THE FACE OF GOD BRINGS...



1. Power, not just words

I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words...

...but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

2. An **Encounter**, not an explanation

Finally, they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him?" He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

- John 9:17, 25 NIV

3. Presence,

not just practice

It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself?...

- Romans 8:11 MSG

...When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

- Romans 8:11 MSG

Jacob - A Daybreak Face-Off Receiving a Divine Transformation



So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him...

...he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man...

...Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered

...Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."...

...But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

· Divine Strength

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall...

- Isaiah 40:29-31 NIV

...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

- Isaiah 40:29-31 NIV

· Divine Identity

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

- Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna...

- Revelation 2:17 NIV

...I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

- Revelation 2:17 NIV

• Divine Joy

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

- Psalm 16:11 NIV