

Living With a Glorious Limp: Discipleship, Jacob, and the Messiness of Life

Lesson 9: A Grace Collision March 5th and 6th 2024



Observation. What does The Text Say?

Read Genesis 32:22-32

1. When, where, and between whom did the wrestling encounter take place?
2. After a night of wrestling, at the beginning of dawn, the man saw that Jacob could not be defeated. What did the man do to overcome Jacob?
3. What was Jacob's reply when the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking"?
4. Why did the man tell Jacob that his name would no longer be called "Jacob", but "Israel"?
5. After Jacob was blessed, why did he name the place Peniel?
6. Why do the Israelites not eat the tendon, *the sciatic nerve and its adjoining blood vessels*,¹ attached to the hip socket?

Interpretation. What Does the Text Mean?

7. Why does God choose the method of wrestling to communicate with Jacob?



8. What purpose do you see in God touching Jacob's hip and producing an injury?

9. Why did God allow Jacob to wrestle Him throughout the night instead of striking his hip at the start? ²

10. What underlying purpose did God have for asking Jacob for his name and then changing it to "Israel"?

11. How does **Hosea 12: 3-4** help us understand Jacob's desire for God's blessing?

12. What was meant by telling Jacob " you have fought with God and with men and have prevailed"?

Application. What is God Asking Me To Do?

13. How does Jacob's encounter with God shape your view of God? ³

14. If God were to ask you, "What is your name?", what name_would you give Him in order to characterize yourself? (This would tell the truth about who you really are.)

15. In what way will you be changed if you make "Limping with God"⁴ the pattern of your walk with God?

Resources:

1 RTS: A Stormy Walk Clinging to God 2 BibleOrg: Lesson 59- Broken, Blessed, Genesis 3 Journey With Jesus: The Limp and the Blessing 4 Limping with God by Chad Bird