

The Blessing of Brokenness

(Genesis 32-33)

This summer at The Bridge we've been "camped out" in Genesis, comparing God's "design" for families with the very "non-ideal" family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Our study been eye-opening! It's been both convicting and encouraging.

We wrap-up today with Jacob, a guy with a whole lifetime of family mess. He has struggled most recently with his father-in-law, and before that with multiple wives, a passive father, and a hovering mother. What will happen now as he comes face-to-face with the brother who has vowed to kill him?!

What we'll discover is that behind all Jacob's domestic drama is a much bigger battle—his lifelong struggle with God.

What we see in this text...

and what we need to take to heart:

Jacob being greeted by angels! (32:1-2)

God is _____

Jacob freaking out over his impending reunion with Esau (32:3-21)

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We are _____.

Jacob wrestling with God! (32:22-32)

God has _____

_____.

Esau showing more love and grace than the "surrendered" Jacob! (33:1-20)

Surrender is _____

_____.

Beneath your assorted struggles with family, is there a deeper struggle with God?

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