



SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 32:22-28

"And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And

He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.""

(Genesis 32:22-28, NKJV)



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JACOB'S MINDSET BEFORE THE MEETING

- **Fear & Anxiety.** Jacob was about to face Esau after 20 years of estrangement (Gen. 27:41; 28:1).

WHEN HE HEARD ESAU WAS COMING WITH _____ MEN,
HE WAS "GREATLY AFRAID AND DISTRESSED" (GEN. 32:6-7).

- **Manipulation & Scheming.** Rather than fully trusting in God, Jacob came up with his own strategy.

HIS HOPE WAS THAT "_____" ESAU WOULD BE
APPEASED (GEN. 32:6-8, 20-21).

- **Prayer & Promises.** Jacob asked God to remember His promises (Gen. 28:13-15; 32:9-12).

THIS IS JACOB'S _____ RECORDED PRAYER SINCE
HIS VOW AT BETHEL (GEN. 28:20-22).

JACOB'S MEETING WITH GOD

- **Submission.** The wrestling match was initiated by God (Gen. 32:24; cp. Hos. 12:3-4). It was not to defeat Jacob, but to bring him to a place of _____.
- **Struggle.** Jacob spent his life in _____ with Esau (Gen. 25-27), Isaac (Gen. 27), Laban (Gen. 29-31), his wives (Gen. 30), and now, ultimately, with God Himself (Gen. 32:28).
- **Sight.** Jacob walked away with a limp, a changed name, and a changed heart (Gen. 32:27-30). His limp was a reminder that God's strength is made perfect in _____ (cp. 2 Cor. 12:7-10).

JACOB'S MEETING WITH ESAU

"THEN HE [JACOB] CROSSED OVER _____ THEM"
(GENESIS 33:3, NKJV)

- **Leader & Protector.** Jacob took the lead in meeting Esau. Instead of running away or plotting he is now taking responsibility (Gen. 33:1-3).

"THESE ARE TO FIND _____ IN THE SIGHT OF MY LORD"
(GENESIS 33:8, NKJV)

- **Humble & Respectful.** Jacob bowed seven times and addressed Esau with honor and humility. His posture conveyed the desire for reconciliation (Gen. 33:3, 5, 8).

"INASMUCH AS I HAVE SEEN YOUR FACE AS THOUGH I HAD
SEEN THE _____ OF GOD" (GENESIS 33:10, NKJV)

- **God's Face & God's Grace.** Jacob declared that seeing Esau's face was like seeing the face of God (Gen. 33:10). This reunion was only possible because of God's grace (Gen. 33:20).

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JACOB

FACE FEARS WITH _____

Take responsibility. Seek to make things right. Trust in God no matter what (Prov. 21:31; Mt. 5:23-24).

SURRENDER _____ STRENGTH

God works through surrendered hearts. Let go and let God (1 Pet. 5:5-11; Deut. 8:11-17).

TRUST THAT _____ GOT THIS

Do you believe God can soften hearts, restore broken relationships, and redeem past pain?
(Gen. 50:20; 2 Tim. 2:24-25).