

For those of you who are just nestling in this Sunday and may have missed some Sundays due to vacation or maybe you are new. Let me bring you all up to speed.

- 1) Isaac, Abraham's son has twins, Jacob and Esau.
- 2) Esau was hungry and sells Jacob his birthright for porridge.
- 3) Isaac wants to bless Esau before his death, but Jacob deceives his father Isaac, who was blind, for the blessing that belongs to Esau by dressing up like Esau.
- 4) Jacob flees to his uncle Leban's house to escape the wrath of Esau. There he meets and falls in love with Rachel.
- 5) Jacob wants to marry Rachel and was told to work 7 years for her. After 7 years instead of Rachel, Jacob is deceived and wakes up to Leah her older sister.
- 6) Jacob must work another 7 years for Rachel. Jacob then has 11 children between Rachel, Leah, and their handmaidens Bilah and Zilpah.

- 7) After 20 years Jacob leaves Leban's house and returns home knowing he will have to face Esau.

We left last week with Jacob leaving Leban and beginning his journey home.

Genesis 32:1-32 So Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. (2) When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's camp." And he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

“Double camp.”

- A) We do not know how far off from the river Jabbok does this happened considering that when Jacob arrives to the river he is still scared. We also are not sure if the angels of God were literal angels or messengers. The Hebrew word is “malwak” can mean both angels in spiritual sense or messengers in the earthly since.

Considering that after this meeting Jacob is still unsure, alludes to me, that these were human in nature messengers of God.

- (3) Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country

of Edom. (4) And he commanded them, saying, "Speak thus to my lord Esau, 'Thus your servant Jacob says: "I have dwelt with Laban and stayed there until now. (5) I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight." ' "

(6) Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he also is **coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him.**"

(7) So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies.

(8) And he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and attacks it, then the other company which is left will escape."

A) Jacob separates his group to prevent complete slaughter.

Jacob Prays:

(9) Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the

LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you': (10) I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies.

(11) Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children. (12) For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' "

A) Reassurance of promises

(13) So he lodged there that same night, and took what came to his hand as a present for Esau his brother:

(14) two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, (15) thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals. (16) Then he delivered them to the hand

of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass over before me, and put some distance between successive droves."

(17) And he commanded the first one, saying, "When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, saying, 'To whom do you belong, and where are you going? Whose are these in front of you?' (18) then you shall say, 'They are your servant Jacob's. It is a present sent to my lord Esau; and behold, he also is behind us.' " (19) So he commanded the second, the third, and all who followed the droves, saying, "In this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him; (20) and also say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us.' " For he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me."

21) So the present went on over before him, but he himself lodged that night in the camp.

A) Shower them with gifts. Sometimes the best thing you can do to help appease those who may not like you is, love them back.

(22) 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. (23) He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had.

A) Jacob sends all including his family.

I want to dedicate this next part to a person who passed away this week. While a believer, I believe God granted him the ability to fully commit his life to Jesus Christ in repentance, baptism, and full obedience towards the end of his life.

This is dedicated to none other than Hulk Hogan.

Jacob wrestles...

(24) Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.

(25) 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. (26) And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will

not let You go unless You bless me!" (27) So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." (28) 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."

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yâkôl yaw-kole' "Survived or made it or are still."

Jacob had struggled with men, himself, and God and is still in the faith and calling of God.

(29) Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. (30) So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." (31) Just as he crossed over Penuel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip. (32) Therefore to this day the children of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, which is on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip in the muscle that shrank.

A) Who Jacob struggled with was the WORD,
THE ANGEL OF GOD, the Begotten of the
Father.

B) We are JACOB...