

Jesus Always—3 Barely Standing but Still Holding On

This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. Genesis 32:24 NLT

When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. ²⁶Then the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!" But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." Genesis 32:25-26 NLT

*"What is your name?" the man asked. He replied, "Jacob."
Genesis 32:27 NLT*

**Honesty isn't what keeps you bound.
Honesty is where the blessing starts.**

"Your name will no longer be Jacob," the man told him. "From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won." Genesis 32:28 NLT

So Jacob called the place Peniel ... Genesis 32:30 NIV

פְּנִיֵּאל
Peniel
Face of God

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." Genesis 32:30 NIV

The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. Genesis 32:31 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Read **Genesis 32:24**. Think about a time you felt alone during a season of wrestling. How did God meet you where you were at?

What have you been wrestling with recently? How can you trust God even if you can't see Him working?

Jacob's wrestling match didn't just impact his identity—it impacted generations. For you, how has wrestling with God transformed those around you?

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