

# THE TRANSFORMATION CHOICE

## The Choices that Change Us: Part 5

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*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.  
Mt 5:6 (NKJV)*

<b>Transformation Choice:</b>	VOLUNTARILY SUBMIT TO EVERY CHANGE GOD WANTS TO MAKE IN MY LIFE, AND HUMBLY ASK HIM TO REMOVE MY CHARACTER DEFECTS.
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## FIVE PHASES GOD USES TO CHANGE US

### CONFLICT

*But Jacob soon learned that Laban's sons were grumbling about him. "Jacob has robbed our father of everything!" they said. "He has gained all his wealth at our father's expense." Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been.*

*Ge 31:1-2 (NLT, NIV)*

*...the messengers returned to Jacob and reported, "We met your brother, Esau, and he is already on his way to meet you—with an army of 400 men!" Jacob was terrified at the news. Ge 32:6-7a (NLT)*

*Then Jacob prayed, "O God...I am not worthy of all the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown to me, your servant...O Lord, please rescue me from the hand of my brother, Esau. I am afraid..." Ge 32:9-11 (NLT)*

*God blesses those who...realize their need for him... Mt 5:3 (NLT)*

<b>Reality Choice:</b>	I ADMIT I'M POWERLESS TO CONTROL MY TENDENCY TO DO THE WRONG THING AND MY LIFE IS UNMANAGEABLE.
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### CRISIS.

*He got them safely across the brook along with all his possessions. But Jacob stayed behind by himself, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.  
Ge 32:23-24 (The Message)*

*When the man saw that he couldn't get the best of Jacob as they wrestled, he deliberately threw Jacob's hip out of joint. Ge 32:25 (The Message)*

*Even in the womb, Jacob struggled with his brother; when he became a man, he even fought with God. Ho 12:3 (NLT)*

*Blessed are those who mourn... Mt 5:4 (NKJV)*

<b>Hope Choice:</b>	EARNESTLY BELIEVE THAT GOD EXISTS; THAT I MATTER TO HIM, AND THAT HE HAS THE POWER TO HELP ME RECOVER.
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## COMMITMENT

*Then the Man said, "Let me go, for it is dawn."  
But Jacob panted, "I will not let you go until you bless me." Ge 32:26 (TLB)*

*Blessed are the meek... Mt 5:5 (NKJV)*

<b>Commitment Choice:</b>	CONSCIOUSLY CHOOSE TO COMMIT ALL MY LIFE AND WILL TO CHRIST'S CARE AND CONTROL.
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*...Give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.  
Ro 6:13 (NLT)*

## CONFESSION

*The man asked him, "What is your name?"  
"Jacob," he answered.  
Ge 32:27 (NIV)*

*Blessed are the pure in heart... Mt 5:8 (NKJV)*

<b>Housecleaning Choice:</b>	I OPENLY EXAMINE AND CONFESS MY FAULTS TO MYSELF, TO GOD, AND TO SOMEONE I TRUST.
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## CONVERSION

*Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome."...Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face..."  
Ge 32:28-30 (NIV)*

*Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; Mt 5:6 (GNT)*

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*The sun was rising as Jacob left Peniel, and he was limping because of the injury to his hip. Ge 32:31 (NLT)*

**Last Thought:**

**FOCUS ON THE ONE CHANGE THAT WILL BRING THE MOST GAIN?**