



Bible study for the week starting January 21, 2024

SHARE

When was the last time you wrestled with God? What was it about? What did you go through and what did you learn about yourself and God in the process?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. “Jacob” means crooked. Look at the various times he lives up to his name.
 - Tricks his brother for a bowl of SOUP. (**Gen 25:29-34**)
 - Tricks his father for a BLESSING. (**Gen 27:1-40**)
 - Tricks his uncle to receive a bigger WAGE. (**Gen 30:37-43**)
2. Jacob has always “lived down” to his name or his reputation. **Read Psalm 94:8-22**. In verse 12... “Blessing comes from discipline.” When have you experienced blessing through discipline?
3. Read **Genesis 32:22-32**
 - a. What is the significance of Jacob being alone? What is the significance that this event occurred at the end of his self inflicted “exile?”
 - b. How significant was it that God changed Jacob’s name?
4. Jacob walks away with a limp. How have you wrestled with God and were left limping? How can you use your limp to give God glory? (**READ 2 Corinthians 12:9**)
5. Read **Luke 17:20-21**
 - a. “The Kingdom of God is in the midst of you.” (Respond)
 - b. How is God with you? How was he with Jacob? How is He with us in our wrestling?

PRAY

Thank you Lord for wrestling with us in the dark nights of our soul. Thank you for both your presence, your blessing, and even the limp and wounds we carry with reveal your grace to us.



WRESTLING WITH GOD

Genesis 32:22-32

January 21, 2024 – Pastor Ben Schrank

“The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of **JACOB** is our fortress.”

JACOB- **“CROOKED”** or **“TRICKSTER”**

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“I will not let you go until you **BLESS ME.**” “What is your name?”

ISRAEL- **“WRESTLES WITH GOD”**

- Faith is not without **STRUGGLE**.
- Take our doubt, frustration, disappointment to God and wrestle **WITH** God.

“A man wrestled **WITH HIM** until the breaking of the day.”
(32:24)

God’s wrestling isn’t about a display of His **POWER**, rather
it’s an opportunity for us to admit our **WEAKNESS**.

But he said to me, “My **GRACE IS SUFFICIENT** for you, for my
power is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Corinthians 12:9

- Jacob’s legacy is a **LIMP**.

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who
formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have
called you by name, **YOU ARE MINE.**” Isaiah 43:1