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TOO MUCH BAGGAGE

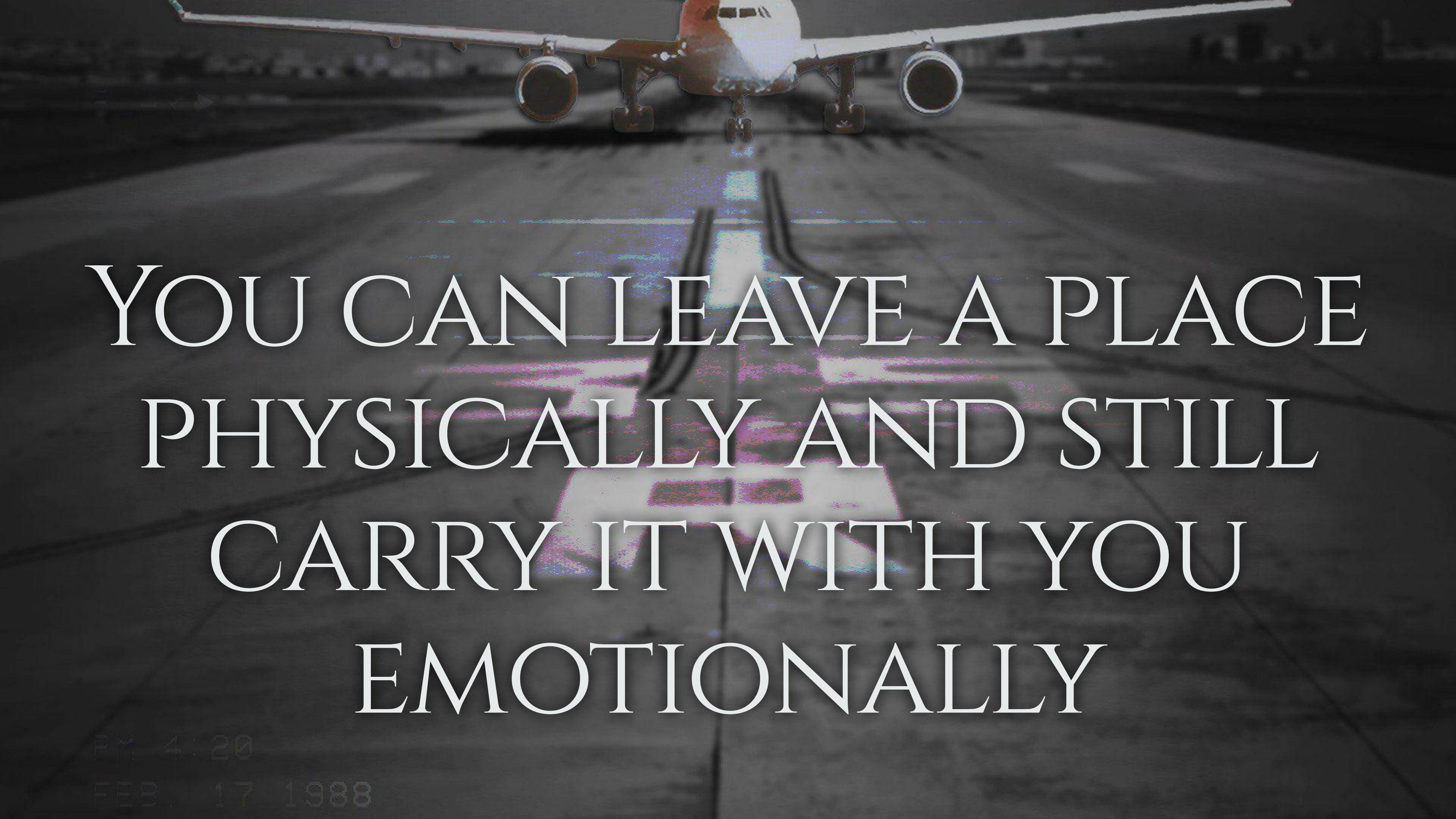
You Can't Take Everything
With You

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THE MORE WEIGHT YOU CARRY
– THE HARDER IT IS TO FLY.
WHAT YOU CARRY LITERALLY
AFFECTS HOW YOU FLY





YOU CAN LEAVE A PLACE
PHYSICALLY AND STILL
CARRY IT WITH YOU
EMOTIONALLY

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GENESIS 32:6-7

And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee... Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed

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SOMETIMES THE THING YOU
ARE RUNNING INTO IN YOUR
FUTURE IS CONNECTED TO
SOMETHING YOU NEVER
DEALT WITH IN YOUR PAST



HEBREWS 12:1

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,



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WHAT WAS ATTACHED TO
YOU IN ONE SEASON DOES
NOT AUTOMATICALLY GET
PERMISSION TO FOLLOW
YOU INTO THE NEXT.

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BEFORE GOD CAN TAKE YOU
WHERE YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN –
THERE ARE SOME THINGS FROM
WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN THAT
YOU NEED TO LEAVE BEHIND.



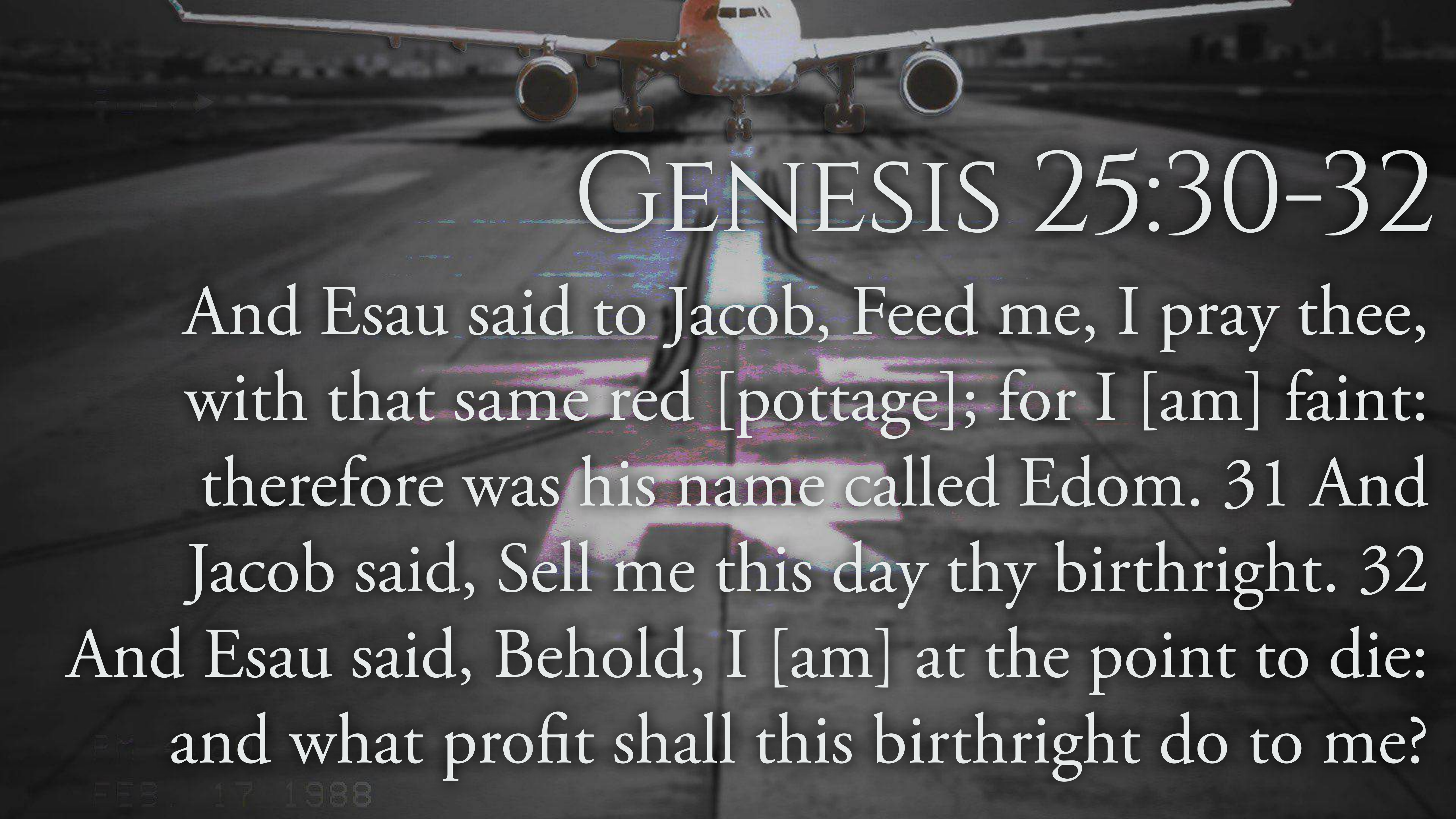
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PRINCIPLE 1:

You Cannot Unpack a Bag You
Refuse to Identify

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GENESIS 25:30-32

And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee,
with that same red [pottage]; for I [am] faint:
therefore was his name called Edom. 31 And
Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. 32
And Esau said, Behold, I [am] at the point to die:
and what profit shall this birthright do to me?



SOME BAGGAGE IS
HARD TO RECOGNIZE
BECAUSE IT HAS HELPED
YOU SURVIVE

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THE MOST DANGEROUS
BAGGAGE IS NOT ALWAYS THE
BAGGAGE YOU KNOW YOU'RE
CARRYING—IT IS THE BAGGAGE
YOU'VE CARRIED SO LONG THAT
YOU FORGOT YOU PICKED IT UP



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HOW YOU REACT REVEALS WHAT YOU ARE CARRYING

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GENESIS 32:7

Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that [was] with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands





SOMETIMES YOU DO NOT
KNOW WHAT IS IN YOUR
SUITCASE UNTIL SOMEBODY
BUMPS INTO IT AND IT
FALLS OPEN

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SOMETIMES YOUR REACTION IS
BIGGER THAN THE MOMENT
BECAUSE THE MOMENT DID NOT
CREATE THE EMOTION—IT SIMPLY
UNCOVERED WHAT YOU WERE
ALREADY CARRYING

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IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO OPEN
THE SUITCASE AND SEE WHAT IS
IN THERE RATHER THAN WAIT
UNTIL SOMEONE BUMPS THE
SUITCASE OPEN AND IT ALL
COMES TUMBLING OUT



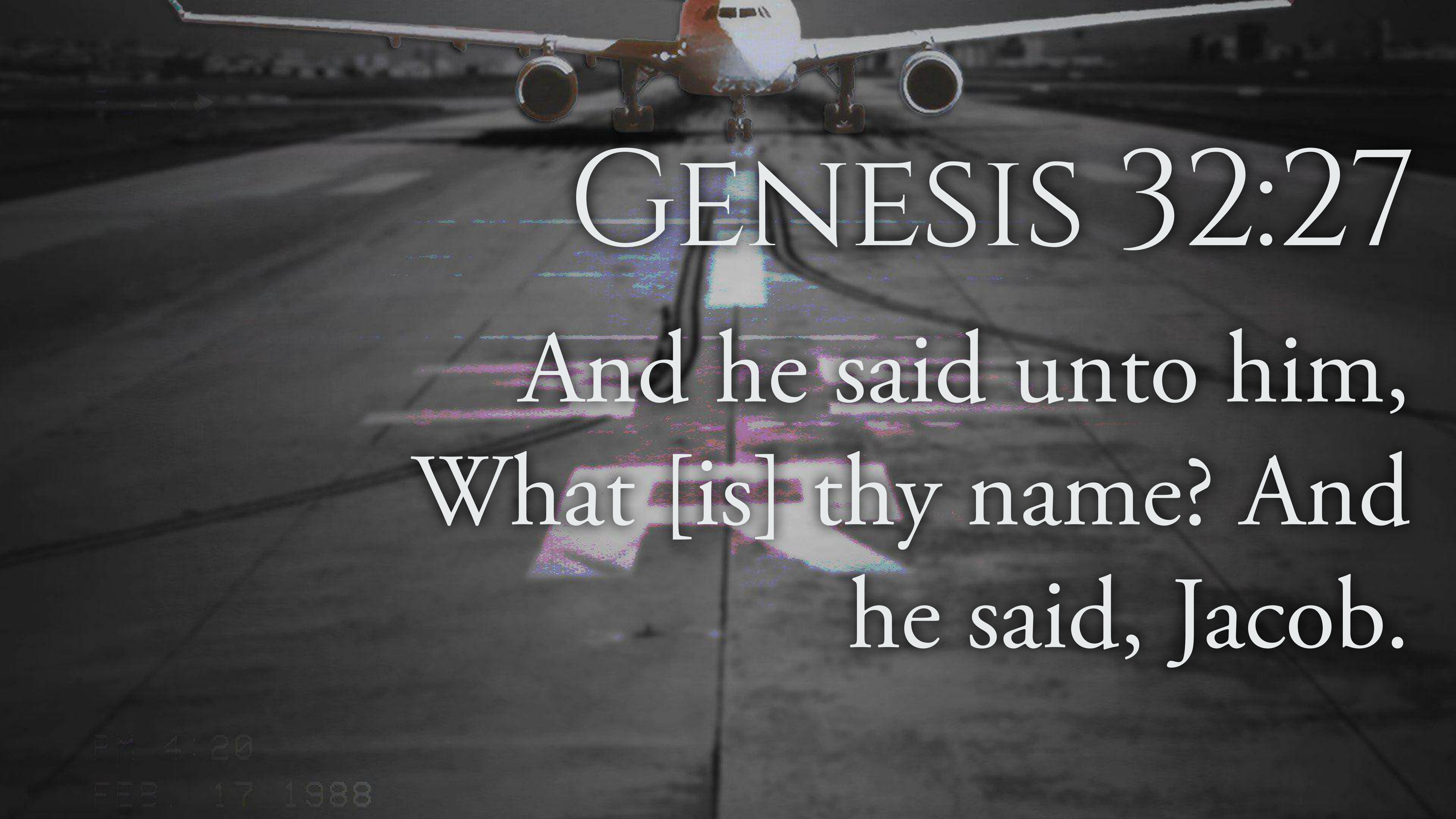
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PRINCIPLE 2:

Stop Identifying With Your Baggage

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GENESIS 32:27

And he said unto him,
What [is] thy name? And
he said, Jacob.

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JACOB WAS NO LONGER JUST
CARRYING THE BAGGAGE —
THE BAGGAGE HAD BECOME
ATTACHED TO HIS NAME





SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY
WE TOOK SOMETHING THAT
HAPPENED TO US AND PUT
OUR NAME ON IT AND CARRY
IT EVERYWHERE WE GO

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JUST BECAUSE IT
HAPPENED TO YOU
DOES NOT MEAN IT
BELONGS TO YOU

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YOU CANNOT WALK IN A
NEW IDENTITY WHILE YOUR
NAME IS STILL ATTACHED
TO YOUR OLD BAGGAGE



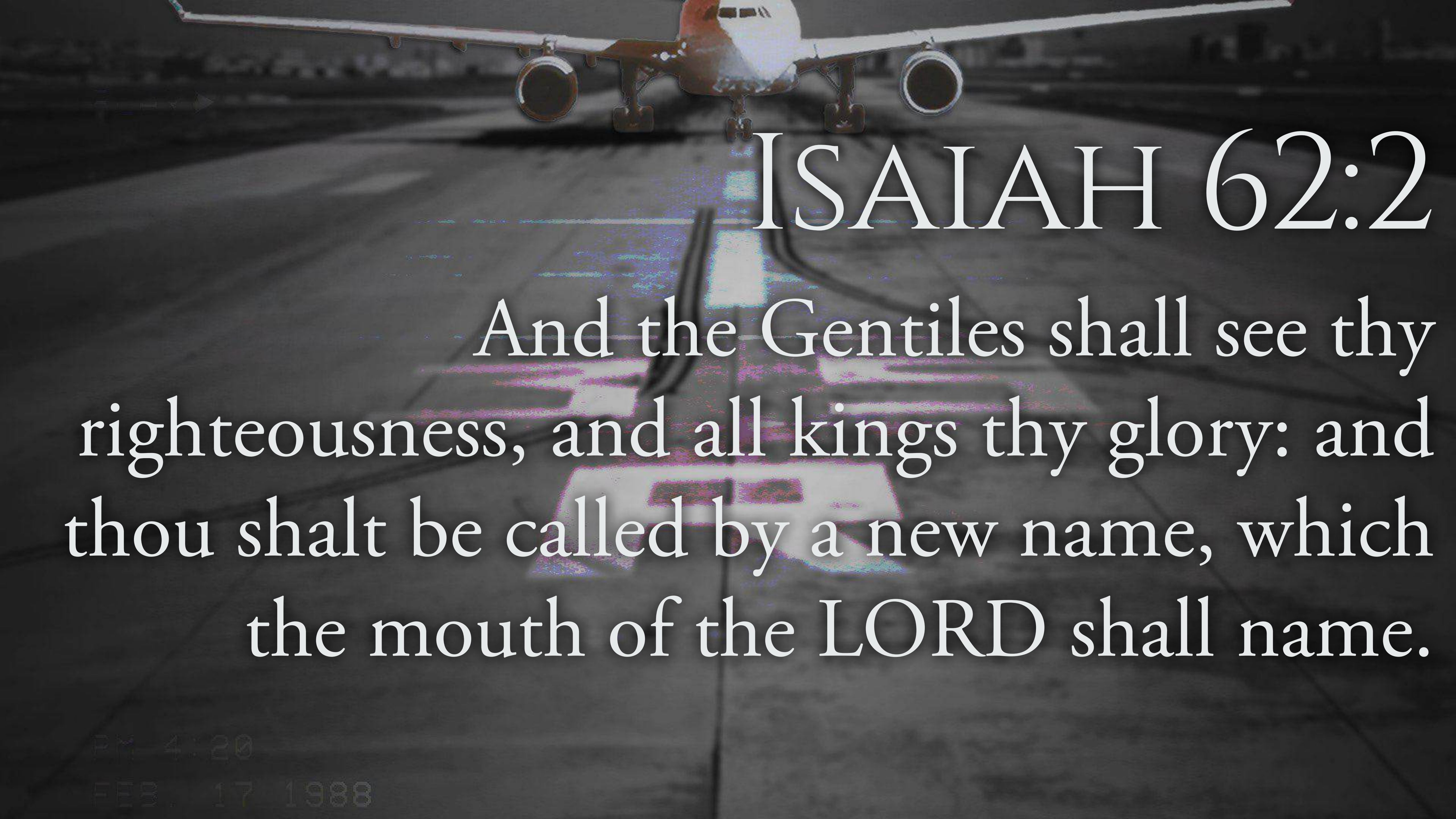
PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but [this] one thing [I do], forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.





ISAIAH 62:2

And the Gentiles shall see thy
righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and
thou shalt be called by a new name, which
the mouth of the LORD shall name.

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STOP WEARING A
LABEL THAT GOD
NEVER PUT ON YOU



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PRINCIPLE 3:

Let God Carry the Bags You
No Longer Can Carry

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GENESIS 32:25

And when he saw that he prevailed
not against him, he touched the
hollow of his thigh...





GENESIS 32:26

I will not let thee go,
except thou bless me

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HEALING BEGINS WHEN
YOU STOP TRYING TO CARRY
EVERYTHING YOURSELF
AND YOU FINALLY
SURRENDER IT TO GOD

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GENESIS 32:28

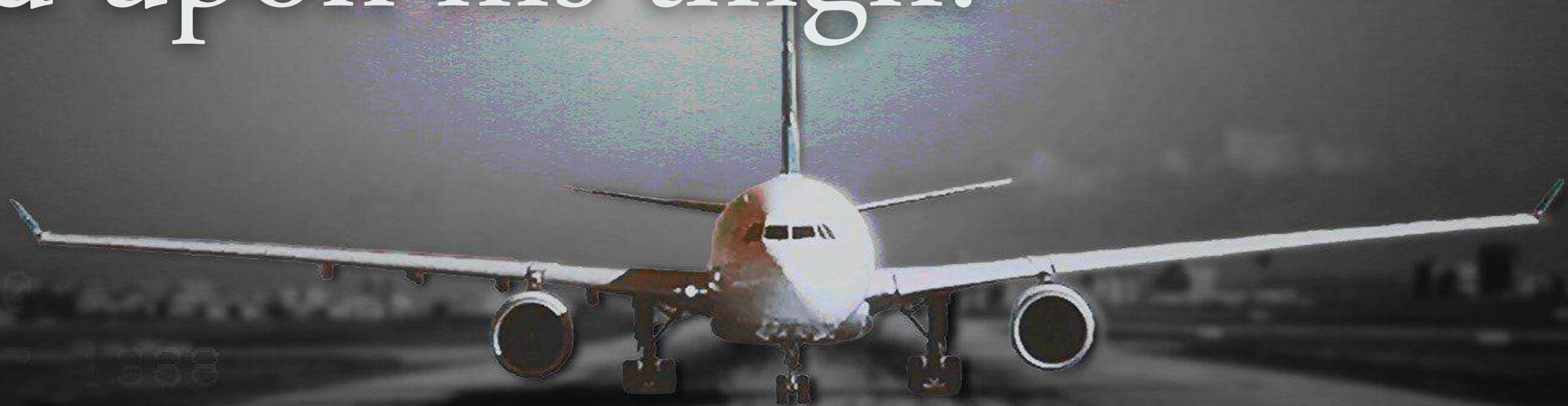
And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

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GENESIS 32:31

And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.



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GOD DID NOT ERASE
JACOB'S PAST — HE SIMPLY
CHANGED JACOB'S
RELATIONSHIP WITH IT

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GENESIS 33:1, 3-4

And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

HEALING DOES NOT ALWAYS
MEAN YOU FORGET WHAT
HAPPENED. SOMETIMES HEALING
MEANS WHAT HAPPENED NO
LONGER GETS TO TELL YOU
WHERE YOU CAN GO



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