

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC & JACOB

SEEING CHRIST THROUGH STRUGGLING SAINTS



Genesis 32:22-30

The God of Jacob - Part 2

1. **Resisting Grace** (Genesis 28:1-32:21)
2. **Wrestling with Grace** (Genesis 32:22-32)
3. **Restored by Grace** (Genesis 33)

1. Resisting Grace

Genesis 28:20-21

Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God

1. Resisting Grace

Genesis 32:1-2

Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them he said, "This is God's camp!" So he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

1. Resisting Grace

Genesis 32:6

And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying,
"We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming
to meet you, and there are four hundred men with
him."

1. Resisting Grace

Genesis 32:7

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Genesis 32:7-8

Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, thinking, "If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape."

1. Resisting Grace

Genesis 32:9

And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,’ I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant,

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Jacob finally stopped resisting grace and is finally ready for grace. He's no longer forgetting God.

2. Wrestling with Grace

Genesis 32:24-25

And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

2. Wrestling with Grace

Genesis 32:26

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken."
But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you
bless me."

Jacob knew that this man was God and that
God's blessing was all that mattered.

2. Wrestling with Grace

Genesis 32:27

And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

2. Wrestling with Grace

Genesis 32:28

Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

God's grace renames Jacob. It's as if God is saying, "Jacob, you were a deceiver in your own strength. Now you are a conqueror in **my strength.**"

2. Wrestling with Grace

Genesis 32:29

Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

2. Wrestling with Grace

Genesis 32:30

So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "**For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.**"

3. Restored by Grace

Genesis 33:1

And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him...

3. Restored by Grace

Genesis 33:3-4

He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

3. Restored by Grace

Genesis 33:20

There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.



“God, the God of Israel”

Jacob learned that God is the blessing. What he needed all along was restoration to God.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

The entire story of the Bible is a **God of unstoppable grace** coming to restore a resistant people to himself.