



Genesis 33:1-17

“Enough”

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Consult the Scriptures:

Genesis 33:1-17

*(Other Scripture referenced: Gen. 27:30-41; Gen. 29-30; Matt. 26:52;
2 Sam. 8:13-14; 2 Kgs. 8:20; Obad. 21; Rom. 5:20)*

Discuss:

1. Pastor Patrick summarized a recurring rhythm in Genesis, with contrasting words, “*irruption*” (“*to forcefully, suddenly break IN*”) and “*eruption*” (“*to forcefully, suddenly break OUT*”). What did he mean? Can you explain?¹
2. What does it mean to surrender?² How does that relate to the above rhythm? How does it relate to the subject of survival which we talked about a couple weeks ago?
3. Last time in Genesis, we looked at what Jacob did to survive; what about Esau? What did Esau do to survive? (*See Gen. 27:30-41; 2 Sam. 8:13-14; 2 Kgs. 8:20*)

¹ Quoting Dr. Bruce Waltke, God “[*irrupted*] *into* chaos to establish his rule over everything...” Similarly, it could be said that man, “[*erupted*] [*out of*] order to establish his rule over everything.”

² “*To cease resistance... and submit to [another] authority.*”

4. Read Genesis 33:1-17 and discuss. What stands out to you? If helpful, revisit Gen. 32 to get the broader picture of these events. What do we learn about God in this story? What do we learn about ourselves?
5. How does this account serve as a picture of the gospel?
6. Pastor Patrick shared a sadness that the story doesn't have the "happily ever after" we often expect from stories like this one. How does the story make you feel? How might that still serve us? In other words, what is there to still learn from a story that doesn't resolve the way we'd like?
7. What immediate applications can be made in light of this sermon? What question do you still have? Do you need to speak with someone?