



## **Genesis 32:1-32 (2 Cor. 12:7-10)**

### ***“The Gift of a Limp”***

Pastor Patrick Bowler

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#### **Consult the Scriptures:**

**Genesis 32:1-32**

**(2 Corinthians 12:7-10)**

*(Other Scripture referenced: Gen. 1:26, 12:3, 25:22-23, 28:10-16; 2 Cor. 5:17)*

#### **Discuss:**

1. What does it mean to survive? Is survival a good thing or a bad thing? Why or why not? How might survival be harmful?
2. Pastor Patrick made the statement, “Survival is no way to live.” What do you think he meant? Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?
3. How did the subject of survival relate to the story of Jacob (ref. Gen. 25-33)? What was Jacob’s “means of survival?” What is your means “means of survival?”
4. Read Genesis 32:1-32 and discuss. What stands out to you in this story? Can you relate to Jacob’s story? If so, in what ways?
5. Pastor Patrick talked about how easy it is for us to slip back into survival mode. Like Jacob, we too can trust God one minute only to give way to old habits of coping (i.e. surviving) the next. What are some of the threats that leave you vulnerable to old patterns of survival? Is it a something in particular? A relationship, or a situation, or...?

6. The sermon was entitled, "*The Gift of a Limp.*" How is a limp a gift? Read 2 Cor. 12:7-10 and discuss.
7. Metaphorically speaking, do you have a limp? What is difficult about having a "limp?" What is the gift?
8. What immediate applications can be made in light of this sermon? What question do you still have? Do you need to speak with someone?
9. Pray for the weekend of Sept. 30-Oct. 2 as Tin Man Ministries comes in to work with our leaders and staff.