

Jesus Always Barely Standing but Still Holding On

Talk It Over

Message Summary

Jesus has always been close, even right now. God shows up in our wrestling, questions, and even in our darkest nights. We may not see it in the moment; Jacob didn't either. And when you look back, you may have scars, but they're reminders of how God was with you the whole time.

Key Scripture

This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break.

Genesis 32:24 NLT

"Your name will no longer be Jacob," the man told him. "From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won."

Genesis 32:28 NLT

Additional Scriptures

- Genesis 32:25-27 NLT
- Genesis 32:30-31 NIV

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Share one way God has worked in your life this week.

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read **Genesis 32:24**. Think about a time you felt alone during a season of wrestling. How did God meet you where you were at?
- Read **Genesis 32:28**. Jacob received a new identity when he wrestled with God. What is something you've wrestled with that has changed your identity?

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- What have you been wrestling with recently? How can you trust God even if you can't see Him working?
- Jacob's wrestling match didn't just impact his identity—it impacted generations. For you, how has wrestling with God transformed those around you?

Start Praying

Heavenly Father, thank You for being a God we can bring our questions to. Help us cling to You, even when we don't understand our struggles. Show us where we need to be honest about where we're at so we can begin to find healing. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- This week, instead of asking God to remove your struggles, ask Him: *How are You trying to transform me?*
- Start the Bible Plan *How to Find Jesus in the Old Testament* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/ot
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.