

Weekend Message Questions

My Name Is _____

January 20 & 21, 2024

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CHECK-IN:

- Begin your group session by checking in with each member.
 - How is everyone doing?
 - Any highlights or challenges to share?
 - How's your 2024 going so far?

ICEBREAKER DISCUSSION:

- Are there labels you have given yourself or that others have given you that you find empowering or limiting?
- Can you share an experience where labels, either self-imposed or from others, played a significant role in shaping your interactions with people or your own self-perception? How did these labels impact your relationships?

REVIEW Jacob's Life Story from Pastor John's message:

- Genesis 25:21-23 - The struggle between Jacob and Esau begins.
- Genesis 27:14-27 - Jacob deceives Isaac to receive the blessing.
- Genesis 27:35, 41 - Esau's reaction and hatred towards Jacob.
- Genesis 28:10-15 - Jacob's encounter with God in a dream.
- Genesis 31:1-2, 25-27 - Jacob's relationship with Laban becomes strained.
- Genesis 32:24-29 - Jacob wrestles with a man, receives the name Israel.

KEY THOUGHTS from Jacob's story:

- Jacob's life was filled with dysfunction in relationships.
- Despite the struggles, God had a purpose for Jacob.
- Relationships were a constant struggle for Jacob.
- When Jacob humbles himself, he receives God's blessing and a new name, Israel.

DISCUSSION

- Do you struggle with healthy relationships?
- Is forgiveness something you have withheld from anyone?
- Are there relationships in your past that need to be mended?

KEY TAKEAWAYS from the Message: "What are your thoughts from these statements?"

- Relationships are challenging, but by humbling ourselves, we can move towards the purpose God has for our lives.
- Just as Jacob wrestled with God and men, we can overcome struggles in our relationships and win by loving God and our neighbors.

PRAY:

Close the session with prayer, by sharing prayer requests and lifting each other up in prayer.

This link can be used for additional prayer requests: <https://hopefellowship.net/prayer-request/>