

## **God and the Ancients II: *Jacob***

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Genesis 32:1-32

### **From Heel Grabbing to God Grasping!**

#### **Scene #1: Jacob — Gripped by Fear**

##### **The Problem: Fear**

- Genesis 32:1-8

He was worried about his consequences  
He was wrong about his circumstances

*Fear about what might happen weakens our faith in the Lord who controls what will happen*

##### **The Prayer: Faith**

- Genesis 32:10-12

He repented with his confession  
He recalled God's covenant

*Prayers of faith speak what is wanted but seek what God wants*

##### **The Plan: Finagling**

- Genesis 32:7-8;13-21

He divided to survive  
He used money to manipulate

#### **Scene #2: Jacob — Grappling with to Grasping onto!**

- Genesis 32:22-32

Jacob — Jabbok — Jostling

*In fear Jacob fought for his safety  
In faith Jacob went from grappling with to grasping onto*

God gives Jacob a new name and a limping leg!

- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

**Challenge *FOR* Every Alaskan:**

*By grace, let's grasp onto Him who already holds us in the grip of His grace!*