

**Living Under an Open Heaven Part II**  
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**Truth in a nutshell:** An open heaven, means that there will be no barrier between you and God. It's when you have unhindered access to the Lord. The heavens are opened when your desire for His presence becomes your top priority in life.

**A. When Knowing God becomes your top priority in life.**

1. How He thinks about things.
2. Seeking His face above seeking His arm.
3. Falling in love with the person of God.
4. When you are desperate for God.

**B. Jacob is going home...not sure of his welcome.**

1. Go back the way you came and make it right.

**Genesis 31:3 (NLT)**

2. Sometimes you have to get alone with God.

**Genesis 32:22-24 (NLT)**

3. Crossing over a threshold.
4. You have to wrestle for your breakthrough.
5. Unrushed prayer time.

**C. Contending for God's blessing.**

**Genesis 32:25-26 (NLT)**

1. Push past the obstacles.
2. Contended in the face of death.

**D. Changed in God's presence.**

**Genesis 32: 27-31 (NLT)**

1. The Name change.
  - i. Jacob means.
  - ii. Israel.
2. We need a life defining encounter with God.
3. Jacob named the place of his encounter Peniel.
4. Jacob was marked for life.

**Next Steps: Today I am:**

1. Committing my life to God
2. Seeking God for my life- changing encounter
3. Joining the Daniel's fast this week.
4. God is saying to me