

**The Prayers of a Father**  
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**Text: Genesis 32:22-28 (NIV)**

*<sup>22</sup> During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two servant wives, and his eleven sons and crossed the Jabbok River with them. <sup>23</sup> After taking them to the other side, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup> This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. <sup>26</sup> Then the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!" But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> "What is your name?" the man asked. He replied, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> "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."*

**A. The Blessing and favor of God.**

1. Jacob wrestled all night for his blessing.
2. The Blessing of God is Life Changing.
3. Fathers have the position as priest of their home.
4. The Blessing of God is not automatic.

**B. Legacy Prayers.**

1. Righteous prayers are eternal.

**Revelation 8:3-4** *Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. 4. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.*

**Revelation 5:8** *When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.*

2. Blessing those that you will never meet.

**Next Steps Today I Am:**

1. Committing/recommitting my life to Christ.
2. Asking God to help me be the priest of my home.
3. Asking God to help me pray Legacy prayers.
4. Wanting to be water Baptized.

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