

# GENESIS 32

BROKEN + BLESSED

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

*See the progression in this story. Jacob gets alone with God, God breaks Jacob, God renames Jacob, God blessed Jacob, and now for the rest of Jacob's life he leans on God.*

**#1 - ALONE WITH GOD** (Genesis 32:24)

**#2 - BROKEN BY GOD** (Genesis 32:25)

**#3 - RENAMED BY GOD** (Genesis 32:27-28)

**#4 - BLESSED BY GOD** (Genesis 32:29)

**#5 - LEANING ON GOD** (Genesis 32:31 | Hebrews 11:21)

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- When was the last time you got alone with the Lord? If it's been a while, why? Are you running from him?
- One of the things we see in Jacob's life (and a lot in the scripture) is that blessing is preceded by brokenness. Have you found this to be true in your life? Think back on a time (or times) when the Lord has brought you to a place of absolute complete dependence on him.
- How did the Lord reveal himself to you during that season? Did you find that He blessed you out of that place of brokenness? Men throw broken things away, but God uses broken things in mighty ways!
- For the rest of Jacob's life, he had a limp and used a crutch. Even in Hebrews 11, the hall of faith passage, it says that Jacob, by faith, when he was dying blessed his two grandsons, and worshipped LEANING upon the top of his staff. Here he is nearly 150 years old and he's still leaning. The staff was a reminder that he was dependent upon the Lord, and even though he had a limp he was stronger than if he was standing on his own two feet.