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Welcome



WRESTLING
WITH GOD

JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD. GENESIS 32:22-31

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel,^[f] because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel,^[g] saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel,^[h] and he was limping because of his hip.

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WHEN GOD ASKS US TO WRESTLE
WITH HIM, IT'S OFTEN UNEXPECTED

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WE OFTEN FACE CHALLENGES
ALONE IN A SEASON OF
SPIRITUAL DARKNESS

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WRESTLING GOD CAN
LEAVE US NO LONGER
ABLE TO RELY ON OUR
OWN STRENGTH

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WE ONLY HAVE TO
WRESTLE UNTIL DAYBREAK

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ARE WE LOOKING FOR GODS
BLESSING IN EVERY STRUGGLE

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JESUS ASKS US TO LOOK AT
OURSELVES HONESTLY

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GOD HAS NO LIMITATIONS

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THE BLESSING COMES WHEN
WE SEE GODS FACE