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Jacob: Wrestling with God

Part 2 of 12

GENESIS
25:19-26











GENESIS
32:22-32



LIMPING WITH GOD

JACOB & THE OLD TESTAMENT GUIDE
TO MESSY DISCIPLESHIP



CHAD BIRD

“ It seems as if our scars, like fingerprints, are unique to each person. Jacob had his limp. I have mine. And you have yours--or soon will. Each of these scars, limps, and Paul-like thorns in the flesh are incessant reminders that we live every moment of every day solely by the grace of God... The life of discipleship is not about us getting stronger; rather, it's about growing increasingly aware of our weakness and the Lord's strength" (pg. 124).



LESSONS FROM JACOB

What can we learn from Jacob's life?

- He is like us in our desire for affirmation and the poor ways we try to get it.
- The "blessings" and affirmations of other people and things will never be enough.
- We must be *humbled* if we want to be blessed by God and receive a new identity.
- Real faith involves wrestling with God.
- Jacob was both a saint *and* a sinner.



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3. How is God inviting you to accept that struggle and wrestling with him is part of building your faith?

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