

Your Wrestling Match With God

1. A CRISIS: We Want To Be In Control.

Genesis 32:24-25, "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him."

Hosea 12:3, "He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God:"

2. A COMMITMENT: We Refuse To Change.

Genesis 32:26, "And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me."

Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

3. A CONFESSION: We Admit We Have A Problem.

Genesis 32:27, "And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob."

Jacob = "deceiver (manipulator)"

4. A CONVERSION: We're Given A New Identity.

Genesis 32:28-30, "And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

Israel - "Prince with God"

Genesis 32:31, "And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh."

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

* **In what areas are you struggling with God?** _____

* **In what areas have you felt like giving up?** _____

* **What do you need to admit about yourself?** _____

* **Will you let Christ give you a new identity?** _____
