

A Story About God's Changing Power
Genesis 32

How did God change Jacob?

1. God uses a _____ in Jacob's life.

"When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, 'We went to your brother Esau, and now he's coming to meet you, and 400 men are with him.'" (Verse 6)

2. God prepares a real _____ for Jacob.

"So Jacob was left alone and a man wrestled with him until daybreak." (Verse 24)

3. God brings Jacob to an honest _____.

"The man asked him (Jacob), 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered." (Verse 27)

4. God gives Jacob a victory limp.

"The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip." (Verse 31)

This Weeks Memory Verse: Genesis 28:15

"I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go...I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Lesson: A Story of God's Changing Power

Jacob led a life of deception and self-gratification. Because of this, he was running and hiding most of his life from his brother Esau. He also ran from his father-in-law Laben. In desperation, he turned to God. Finally in Genesis 32:22-30 he is confronted and has to wrestle with God. As a result, he is changed forever. Even his name is changed to Israel. Most of us wrestle with God and spend a lifetime running from our own deceptions. We run from what God has planned with our lives. This week as you read about Jacob, ask the Lord to help you apply the principles of his life to your own life.

1. What does the story of Jacob's life reveal to you about God?
2. How have you "wrestled" with God in your life?
3. How did God change you forever through that confrontation with Him?
4. What issues might you still need to wrestle with the Lord over? What is stopping you?

Daily Reading: Jacob's Life

Day 1 – Genesis 25:19-34, 27:1-40 Jacob & Esau

Day 2 – Genesis 27:41 – 28:22 Jacob & Laben, Jacobs Dream

Day 3 – Genesis 29:1 – 30:43 Rachel, Leah and Jacob's Children

Day 4 – Genesis 31:1-55 Jacob Flees, Laben Pursues

Day 5 – Genesis 32:1 – 33:20 Jacob wrestles with God and meets Esau