



Close Encounters #3: Wrestling With God

September 23 & 24, 2023

Genesis 32:22-30

Opener: Have you ever wrestled with someone? Who was it? Why did you wrestle with that person? Who won?

Go Deeper:

1. What is the significance of Jacob being left alone by the Jabbok River in verse 24? Why was this a pivotal moment in his life?
 2. What might the physical and emotional struggle that Jacob has as he wrestles with the "man" in the text symbolize in a broader sense?
 3. Why was Jacob so determined to receive a blessing, and what does this reveal about his character at this point in his life journey?
 4. What does the name change from "Jacob" to "Israel" signify, and how does it relate to the themes of transformation and identity in the passage?
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Live It:

1. Have you ever experienced a "night of doubt" or a challenging period in your life where you felt alone and uncertain? How did you handle it, and did you seek God's guidance during that time?
2. Jacob received a new name and identity after his encounter with God. How can you relate to the idea of being transformed by God and receiving a new identity as a child of God?
3. What blessings or guidance are you currently seeking from God, and how can you persevere in seeking His blessings with faith and prayer?
4. What specifically is God saying to you?
5. What specifically are you going to do about it this week?



GOD TIME:

Daily Bible Readings:

Sunday:	Genesis 32:9-13 & 22-30
Monday:	Genesis 33:1-11
Tuesday:	Genesis 41:1-24
Wednesday:	Genesis 41:25-36
Thursday:	Genesis 41:37-45
Friday:	Exodus 1:8-14
Saturday:	Exodus 1:15-2:10

