



“The Limp In Your Life”

BIBLE STUDY

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Genesis 32:24-30

- ²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

Genesis 32:24-30

- ²² ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

Genesis 32:24-30

- ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

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- Jacob – name means “supplanter” – to take the place of (another), as through force, scheming, strategy, or the like.

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- Jacob was left alone with no distractions.
- He had to face himself, his choices and His God.



- Drafted at 20
- Multi-millionaire at 22
- Convicted of murder at 25
- Dead at 27

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Why We Wrestle

- With People (Distraction)
- With God (Direction)
- With Ourselves (Desires)

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Why We Wrestle

With People (Distraction) - GET ALONE

- People often don't see what God has shown us.
- Some people DO see our potential and lay booby traps.

INVOKE vs. PROVOKE

INSPIRE or INSTIGATE

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²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

- For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. (Psalm 30:5)

God is a loving Father (parent).

- For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. (Proverbs 3:12)

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Why We Wrestle

With God (Direction)

- God wants to bring the best out of us because He put His best IN us.
- We wrestle because what He has shown us is too big, will take too long, will cost too much, it's too hard to complete.

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Why We Wrestle

With Ourselves (Desires)

- Fear of failure or success
- We depend too much on our own abilities/strengths
- Jacob was strong, skilled, manipulative.

- The “limp” reminds us of our need for God.