

The God Who Transforms Struggles Into Blessings Genesis 32:24-30 Pastor Jonathan Steeper August 31, 2025

"I will not let you go until you bless me." Genesis 32:26

"Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." Genesis 32:28

Heavenly Father, I want a deeper relationship with You.

Open my heart to know you more.

You see all my sin, you know my past, yet you forgive me and love me.
I have tried to manipulate you and others to get what I want.
You sent Jesus to the cross to take the punishment for what I deserve.
LORD forgive me. LORD change me from the inside out.

Thank you for loving me.

Let me wrestle with you until I learn to trust you and know that I belong to you.

You have given me a new name and written it in your book of life!

Now I trust you to lead me each day as I follow Christ.

I pray this in the name of Jesus, my Savior and LORD, Amen!

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Sermon Notes

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1 Met by Angels

32:1-9; 28:12

Help in crisis—chased by Laban, hunted by Esau.

God's camp gives security and courage when we are defenseless.

2 Trapped!

32:9-21

After running for years, Jacob had to face his past sins. Pray!

He was overpowered, outnumbered, overcome.

Jacob chose the way of humility, and wisdom.

3 Alone, Wrestling with God!

Hold on to God until He blesses you.

Hold on until there is no way out other than to trust in His grace.

God left Jacob to face the world with a new name,

a new blessing,

healed with a new limp!

Most important! Not that I get something but that I become someone. That Christ changes $\underline{\text{me}}$ from the inside out.

"We know that in all things **God works** for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Rom 8:28