

## Jacob

### Wrestling with God and Finding Myself

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A relationship with God will give you great \_\_\_\_\_.

AND it will also initiate a great \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1</sup> Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him. <sup>2</sup> When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is the camp of God!" So he named that place Mahanaim. **Genesis 32:1-2, NIV**

<sup>14</sup> Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? **Hebrews 1:14, NIV**

God sends his \_\_\_\_\_ to serve and protect me.

<sup>6</sup> When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, "We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him."

<sup>7</sup> In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. <sup>8</sup> He thought, "If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape." **Genesis 32:6-8, NIV**

God grants \_\_\_\_\_ to handle difficult situations wisely.

<sup>9</sup> Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, Lord, you who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,' <sup>10</sup> I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps. <sup>11</sup> Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. <sup>12</sup> But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'" **Genesis 32:9-12, NIV**

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. **James 5:13a, NIV**

God gives me \_\_\_\_\_ so I can hand my fears to him.

<sup>22</sup> That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup> So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. <sup>26</sup> Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

<sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

<sup>29</sup> Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

<sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

<sup>31</sup> The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup> Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

**Genesis 32:22-32, NIV**

<sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. **Mark 8:35, NIV**

To find my life, I will lose it and \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ.

#### MEMORY VERSE

<sup>26</sup> Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." **Genesis 32:26, NIV**

**My next step:** I will remember that losing my life is a lifelong process, and I will stick to Jesus with all my strength.

What's your next step today?

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