



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, November 17, 2024 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

Wrestling with God Genesis 32:22-32

1. Jacob meets his anonymous assailant. (Genesis 32:22-26)
2. Jacob meets the living God. (Genesis 32:27-32)



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3. Jacob is left with three forever memories of God.

Table Talk

- 1) What would you be thinking if you were in Jacob's shoes, alone at the Jabbok River, having sent his family in groups on ahead? (vv. 22-24a) What causes Jacob to wrestle? How does this wrestling match represent Jacob's life of struggle? How does Jacob begin to understand that all of his past struggles are now summed up in this encounter with God? (vv. 24-25)
- 2) Why does God allow the wrestling to go on so long? Why does God not "prevail" against Jacob? What is going on with the "let me go"/"I will not let you go" dialogue? How does God stoop to Jacob's level in this encounter? How did God stoop to our level? (v. 26)
- 3) What is the significance of asking for names? (vv. 27-29) How is the change of name for Jacob important? Why does God bless Jacob but not tell him His name?
- 4) What three forever memories does Jacob have of his encounter with God? (vv. 28, 30-32) How does Hosea 12:2-6 remind us that what happened to Jacob is a revelation of God for all His people?
- 5) In what way have you wrestled with God? What was the result?