

WRESTLING WITH GOD

Jacob at Jabboq. Israel at Peniel.

Genesis 32. Jacob is returning from the house of Laban to his home land.

(A)

Stalled in progress? Lacking confidence? Uncertain? Wavering in faith?

Come _____ to connection with _____.

_____ The promise of God connects me to _____.

Beth-el. _____ . Genesis 28: 16–19.

Mahanaim. _____ . Genesis 32: 1–2.

(B)

The key to advancing is found in the prayer of Jacob. Genesis 32: 9–12.

i) You _____.

_____.

_____.

ii) I am _____ of your lovingkindness.

iii) _____ , I pray.

iv) I fear destruction, _____.

v) For _____.

(C)

Two key markers of the beginning of the transformation of Jacob.

Once a _____, Jacob now acts in _____.

God's _____ are the only basis to make his _____.

(D)

What can I learn from Jacob's prayer?

1. My _____ is your _____.
2. My _____ is _____ before You.
3. My _____ is Your _____.

KEY POINT:

The wrestling confrontation with Jacob was initiated by God for the transformation of Jacob.

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Which areas of my life might God be using to lead me into greater degrees of humility?

What is the promise of God that I can maintain as my dominant focus?

(I)

How do you prevail against God?

Hosea 12 : 4.

“Yes, he struggled.... he _____ and sought His favour.

The key to receiving the blessing of God is _____.

KEY POINT:

First, we must recognise our own _____.

Second, we must _____ that God will do _____.

Finally, we must _____ to God _____.

1 John 5: 14–15

And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Am I willing to pray “Lord bless me!”?

What will I do to act on this lesson from scripture?

(E)

Touch the hip, _____.

Note: Jacob's *inability to overcome* did not stop him from

_____.

(F)

Compare the requests of Jacob:

Before the wrestle: _____.

After the wrestle: _____.

(G)

It's not your _____, nor your _____, nor your
_____, nor your _____ that gains God's blessing.

The key is your _____.

(H)

Genesis 32: 28. "You shall be _____."

God is always _____ your _____.

KEY POINT:

Jacob finally realises his major obstacle is not his brother,
but his God.