

GOING TO THE MAT WITH GOD
(The Gospel According to Jacob- Part 5)

Life Group Questions for the Week of March 31, 2019

Genesis 32

God's Wrestling Match with Jacob

4 "Moves" God Makes on Jacob:

1. God _____ him

2. God makes him _____

3. God changes _____

4. God _____ upon him

Take-Aways:

God _____ a wrestling match

When we _____, we _____

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. This Sunday we saw how Jacob learned his lesson the hard way. Looking back in your life, can you think of any lessons you too learned the hard way? If so, do you still have any kind of limp?

3. Jacob trusted in his own strength—his ingenuity and shrewdness—rather than on God. Another person in the Bible who had reason to put confidence in his skills, abilities and heritage was the Apostle Paul. What do you learn in Philippians 3:4-11 about Paul's attitude toward the strengths in his life?

Can you think of anything in your life that could tempt you to take the credit and put the focus on your own ability or strength?

4. Of the 4 "moves" God makes on Jacob in their wrestling match in Genesis 32, which one encourages you the most and why? Which one is most difficult for you to understand/accept and why?

5. There is nothing wrong with being confident in our abilities. It's being prideful that gets us into a wrestling match with God and causes us to have to learn something the hard way. Humility is a character quality that can help us avoid the stubbornness that causes us to take on God like Jacob did. How do the following verses help us evaluate if we really are humble and understand who we are and who God is?

James 3:13; Romans 3:23; Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Proverbs 9:7-9

Which of these passages is most helpful for you in putting humility into action and why?

6. Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what's the most important thing to remember?

7. Is there something you're wrestling with God about that you'd like prayer for?