

Day 48: Genesis 32:22-32: Jacob Wrestled with God



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Jacob sent all across the Jabbok River: remained alone on far side

Man wrestled with him: The angel of the LORD (pre-incarnate Christ); result: at daybreak Jacob's hip dislocated, permanent injury

Jacob would not let go: without being blessed: Hos. 12:3-4

Jacob (*He cheats*): renamed Israel (*He strives with God*)

Jacob realized: "I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."
See also: Ex. 33:11; 20; John 1:18

Assignment:

Consider how Jacob struggled with others throughout his life, depending upon his own cleverness and strength.

How does the physical wrestling with the angel of the LORD reveal his spiritual wrestling with God?

What was the result of that wrestling?

How did Jacob's physical injury and subsequent limp remind him of his dependence upon God?

Have you ever "wrestled" with God? How did it turn out?