



THE PLAN #4 – LET’S GET READY TO RUMBLE

JACOB/ISRAEL

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²² During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two servant wives, and his eleven sons and crossed the Jabbok River with them. ²³ After taking them to the other side, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. ²⁵ When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob’s hip and wrenched it out of its socket. ²⁶ Then the man said, “Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷ “What is your name?” the man asked. He replied, “Jacob.” ²⁸ “Your name will no longer be Jacob,” the man told him. “From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won.” ²⁹ “Please tell me your name,” Jacob said. “Why do you want to know my name?” the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there. ³⁰ Jacob named the place Peniel (which means “face of God”), for he said, “I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared.” ³¹ The sun was rising as Jacob left Peniel, and he was limping because of the injury to his hip. **Genesis 32:22-31**

REACHING FOR A BLESSING

JACOB’S PRAYER

I am not worthy of all the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown to me, your servant. When I left home and crossed the Jordan River, I owned nothing except a walking stick. Now my household fills two large camps! ¹¹ O Lord, please rescue me from the hand of my brother, Esau. I am afraid that he is coming to attack me, along with my wives and children. ¹² But you promised me, ‘I will surely treat you kindly, and I will multiply your descendants until they become as numerous as the sands along the seashore—too many to count.’” (promise to Abraham in chapter 22) **Genesis 32:10-12**

REACHING FOR BLESSINGS = THE BLESSING COMES FROM THE FATHER: GOD

¹⁷ Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. ¹⁸ He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession. **James 1:17-18**

REACHING FOR BLESSINGS = GETTING ALONE WITH GOD

This left Jacob all alone in the camp.... **Gen 32:24**

Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. **Mark 1:35**

But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer. **Luke 5:16**

REACHING FOR BLESSINGS = CONFESSING WHO WE WERE

“What is your name?” the man asked. He replied, “Jacob.” **Genesis. 32:27**

¹²In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. ¹³But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. **Ephesians 2:12-13**

REACHING FOR A BLESSING

REACHING FOR BLESSINGS = GET RID OF THE OLD IDENTITY

²¹Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²²throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. **Ephesians 4:21-22**

REACHING FOR BLESSINGS = ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NEW IDENTITY

“Your name will no longer be Jacob,” the man told him. “From now on you will be called Israel,^[c] because you have fought with God and with men and have won.” **Genesis 32:28**

LIVE OUT YOUR IDENTITY

Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. **Ephesians 4:23**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What are your initial observations?

Talk about a time when you got alone with God at an important time?

Did it ever feel like you were wrestling with God?

Is there something about your old self that is sticking around?

What pushed you away from the old you and into the new you?

How can we pray for you?

Week 4 - Chronological Reading Plan 2024

22. Genesis 30-31

23. Genesis 32-34

24. Genesis 35-37

25. Genesis 38-40

26. Genesis 41-42 27.

27. Genesis 43-45

28. Genesis 46-47