

## GETTING ALONE WITH GOD IS THE WAY TO VICTORY.

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### Scripture reading: Genesis 32:24-33:11-Passion

24 and Jacob was left all alone. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a man appeared and wrestled with him until daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he was not winning the match, he struck Jacob's hip and knocked it out of joint, leaving it wrenched as he continued to wrestle with him. 26 Eventually, the man said to him, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob refused, "No! Not until you bless me!" 27 "What is your name?" asked the man. "Jacob" he replied. 28 "Not anymore," the man said to him. "Your new name is Israel, for you have struggled both with God and with people and have overcome." 29 Jacob said, "Please, tell me your name." "Why ask my name?" the man replied, then he spoke a blessing over Jacob. 30 So Jacob named the place Peniel, saying, "I have seen God face-to-face, yet my life has been spared!" 31 The sun rose upon him as he crossed the Jabbok River from Peniel, limping because of his hip. To this day, the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle attached to the hip socket, because the man struck Jacob's hip socket at the thigh muscle.

### Genesis 33:1-11-Passion

When Jacob looked up, he saw Esau approaching with four hundred men. So, he quickly divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants. 2 He lined up the maidservants and their children in front, then Leah and her children, then Rachel and Joseph last of all. 3 Then Jacob went ahead of them to face Esau. As he approached his brother, he bowed down to the ground seven times before reaching him. 4 But Esau ran to Jacob and hugged him! He threw his arms around Jacob's neck, he kissed him, and they wept in each other's arms. 5 When Esau looked up and saw the women and the children, he said to Jacob, "Who are all these coming behind you?" Jacob replied, "These are the children, your niece and nephews, whom God has so graciously given your servant." 6 Then the maidservants came forward with their children and bowed low before Esau. 7 Leah likewise came forward with her children and bowed down. Finally, Rachel and Joseph came forward and they bowed down to the ground before Esau. 8 Esau asked Jacob, "Why did you send all these animals to me?" "I was hoping to find favor with you, my lord." Jacob replied. 9 "But my brother," Esau laughed, "I have plenty. Keep what you have for yourself." 10 Jacob replied, "No, please. If I have found favor in your eyes, please take the gifts. For truly, seeing your face after all these years, it's like looking upon the face of God! Since you have received me so warmly, 11 please accept the blessing I have brought to you, for

God has poured his grace over me, and I have everything I want!" So with these words Jacob urged him, and Esau accepted the gifts.

### 1. BEING ALONE WITH GOD BRINGS YOU TO A PLACE OF BEING MINISTERED TOO...BY GOD.

32:24 - ...and Jacob was left all alone. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a man appeared and wrestled with him until daybreak.

### Genesis 28:15-Passion

15 Never forget—I am always with you and will protect you wherever you go. And one day I will bring you back to this land, for I will neither leave you nor fail to fulfill every word I have promised you.

### 2. WE NEED TO KEEP A HOLD ON GOD FOR THE KEEPING OF OUR VICTORY.

### Joshua 23:8-MKJV

**8 But cleave to Jehovah your God, as you have done to this day.**

*Cleave - become very strongly involved with or emotionally attached to (someone): be loyal to, be Hold fast to, faithful to, remain true to.*

*LEB - But hold fast to Yahweh your God, just as you have done up to this day.*

### Hebrews 3:6-Passion

But Christ is more than a Servant, he was faithful as the Son in charge of God's house. **And now we are part of his house if we continue courageously to hold firmly to our bold confidence and our victorious hope.**

*KJV - Hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.*

Israel means **"one who struggled with God and prevailed,"** "may God (El) preserve," or "prince with God."

Scripture reading: Psalm 62:5-63:4