**THE MAIN EVENT**

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**Genesis 32:22-32**

**I. Jacob**

· Son of Isaac & Rebekah

· Grandson of Abraham

· Inheritor of God’s promises to Abraham

· Was born the younger of twins to his brother Esau.

· The name Jacob can be translated from the Hebrew to mean “to follow

behind” or “to supplant, circumvent, assail, or overreach.”

**The Deceptions of Jacob:**

· Jacob convinced Esau to trade his birthright from some stew and bread.

· Conspired with his mother to trick his father Isaac into giving him the blessing intended for Esau.

· Deceived his uncle Laban by manipulating the colors of sheep and goats in order to build strong herds and flocks, as well as wealth, for himself.

**II. Wrestling with Man**

For weare not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12 NLT

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father but are from this world.

1 John 2:15-16 NLT

You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world.He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

Ephesians 2:2 NLT

**III. Wrestling with Ourselves**

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All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So, I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I Corinthians 9:25-26 NLT

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls.

Proverbs 25:28

**IV. Wrestling with God**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own

understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 NLT

We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like

fragile clay jars containing this great treasure.This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 NLT

**V. After the Struggle**

· **Jacob’s name was changed to Israel**

· Israel can be translated as “Wrestles with God.”

What are we wrestling with today?