



New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

WOW Bible Study

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Pastor Mike

2023 Focus:



## Blessing at a Brand New Day!

Genesis 32:24-31

**INTRODUCTION:** JACOB IS ONE OF THE MOST COLORFUL CHARACTERS IN THE BIBLE. HIS NAME MEANS TRICKSTER, CONMAN, OR SUPPLANTER. JACOB IS A TESTIMONY THAT GOD'S GRACE IS SO AMAZING THAT IT CAN WRITE STRAIGHT ON CROOKED LINES. ALL OF HIS LIFE, JACOB HAD BEEN AFTER A BLESSING. IT IS IN THIS PASSAGE THAT HE FINALLY UNDERSTANDS WHAT IT IS TO BE BLESSED BY GOD.

### BACKGROUND TO UNDERSTAND THE BREAKDOWN

1. JACOB **STRUGGLING** FOR A BLESSING (GENESIS 25:22-23)
2. JACOB **NEGOTIATING** FOR A BLESSING (GENESIS 25:29-34)
3. JACOB **MANIPULATING** FOR A BLESSING (GENESIS 27:18-29)
4. JACOB **CHASING** AFTER A BLESSING (GENESIS 29:16-30)

**TONIGHT'S TAKE-AWAY:** THE BLESSING THAT GOD HAS FOR US WILL CHANGE OUR LIVES FOREVER!

### WHEN WAS JACOB BLESSED BY GOD?

#### I. WHEN HE WAS **BY HIMSELF** VS. 24A

- Before we can benefit from the blessing, we must spend some alone time with God.
- God has a way of getting our attention when we are alone.

#### II. AFTER HE HAD A **BATTLE** VS. 24B

- JACOB IS WRESTLING WITH GOD, NOT AN ORDINARY MAN. VS. 30
- OUR WRESTLING MATCH WITH GOD IS OFTEN FOR OUR WILL.

#### III. AFTER BEING **BROKEN** VS. 25

- JACOB'S HIP (HIS STABILITY) WAS DISLOCATED SO THAT JACOB WOULD NOW DEPEND ON GOD. VS. 25



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- AFTER BEING BROKEN, JACOB WAS NO LONGER BATTLING, HE WAS JUST HOLDING ON. GOD OFTEN BREAKS US TO BLESS US!

IV. JACOB WAS **BLESSED** VS. 26-31

- UNTIL JACOB WAS REAL ABOUT WHO HE WAS, GOD DID NOT REVEAL WHO HE COULD BECOME! VS. 27-28
- A DESIRE TO KNOW GOD'S NAME LED TO HIS BLESSING. VS. 29

**TALK IT OUT:**

- Jacob sent over his lovers, laborers, and litter to be alone. vs. 22-23  
What do you need to send away to be alone with the Lord?

**WALK IT OUT:**

- WE OFTEN GO THRU STRUGGLE SO THAT WE CAN SURRENDER. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SURRENDER TO HIM?

**START IT OUT:**

- JACOB LEFT WITH A LIMP, BUT HE HAD LIFE! VS. 31. AFTER ALL YOU'VE BEEN THRU, PRAISE GOD FOR THE BLESSING OF LIFE!

**New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Vision**

The New Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church will be a **Caring Community** of Christians that *Changes* the **Community** for Christ.

**New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Mission**

To "Make disciples that make a Difference". We strive to do this by **Moving**, **Marking**, and **Maturing** Believers.  
(Matthew 28:19-20)

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