

JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD

FAMILY DEVOTION

24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." 27 The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. 28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel,[a] because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." 29 Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." 31 The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Genesis 32:24-31

Have you ever watched a wrestling match? Wrestling is a popular sport all over the world. Wrestlers have to be strong and determined to win. Wrestling isn't a modern invention, though. It's one of the oldest sports in the world, and it dates back thousands of years.

In today's story, Jacob spends an entire night wrestling with God and walks away with a limp from a hip injury. But with his hip injury, he walked away with a new name and a blessing from God.

Have you ever found it difficult to do what God is asking? In what ways have you wrestled with God in your life?

In what ways were you blessed after wrestling with God?

DEAR GOD,

REMINDE US THAT YOU KNOW
WHAT IS BEST FOR US AND WILL
ALWAYS PROTECT US. THANK YOU
FOR GUIDING US.

AMEN!
