



LEGACY

Genesis 32:22-32

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 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. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.



We Wrestle With God When We Run Away From His Presence And Resist His Call

**Running: *Know What God wants but not being
willing to obey.***

Characteristics:

- >Your direction, not God's**
- >Your control, not God's**
- >God's discipline **Heb 12:5-13****
- >Your Surrender**
- >Or, Put on A shelf **1 Cor 9:24-27****



Sometimes We Wrestle With God When We Are Obedient And In The Center Of His Will

When Jacob LEFT home he was running AWAY

When Jacob RETURNED home he was running TO



Characteristics Of Positive Wrestling With God

- **A Spiritual Turning Point**
- **Usually happens Alone 32:32**
- **Requires Perseverance and Determination 32:26**
- **Always Leaves a Lasting Impression 32:31**
- **Results in either:**
 - Spiritual Blessing**
 - Spiritual Brokenness**



Today's Challenge

Where Are YOU In This Story?

- **Are you RUNNING from God?**
- **Are you RESISTING God's direction?**
- **Are you WRESTLING Positively?**

Today...Take A Personal Step That Honors God!

