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Message Series
"The Struggle Is Real"

"Struggling with God"

Genesis 32:22-32

22 The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants,
and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them
and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. 24 And
Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the
day. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched
his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with
him. 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I
will not let you go unless you bless me." 27 And he said to him, "What is your
name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 Then he said, "Your name shall no longer
be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and
have prevailed." 29 Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But
he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. 30 So
Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God
face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." 31 The sun rose upon him
as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. 32 Therefore to this day the
people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket,
because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

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"Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel,because you have struggled with God and with man and have overcome." (v. 28, NIV)

Why we all need to "wrestle" with God

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What happened? (A few important points to this story)

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Struggling with God

(Truths for when we come to our "breaking point" and prevail)

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