# Wrestling with God!

February 13, 2022 – Genesis 32:22-30
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## Jacob in the Upper Story

1. The covenant blessings to Abraham were **extended** through Jacob despite his character.

2. God chose the **formation** of Israel through Jacob.

## Jacob Wrestles with God

1. The context leading up to the wrestling match was **prayer**.

2. This wrestling scene personifies Jacob's **relationship** with God.

3. This account teaches us that we **need** Jesus for everything!

4. This account teaches us that God is **merciful** and **forgiving**!

## Discussion Questions:

1. Describe a time in your life were you seemed to be wrestling with God. What did you learn about God through that time?
2. Pastor Jon often will say that prayer is a gauge of dependance. What do you think that means? How can you become a more intentional prayer warrior?
3. What stands out to you the most about the character of God in Genesis 32:22-30?
4. In what area of your life do you need to let go of and let God take control?
5. What is a take-away for you from the message or this passage?

## Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

**February 2022**

**Two Year Bible Reading Plan**

| Week 1 *Starting Feb. 7* | Week 2 *Starting Feb. 14* | Week 3 *Starting Feb. 21* | Week 4 *Starting Feb. 28* |
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| Day 1: Gen. 49-50 | Day 1: Exod. 9-10 | Day 1: Exod. 18-19 | Day 1: Exod. 28 |
| Day 2: Exod. 1-3 | Day 2: Exod. 11-12 | Day 2: Exod. 20-21 | Day 2: Exod. 29 |
| Day 3: Exod. 4 | Day 3: Exod. 13 | Day 3: Exod. 22-23 | Day 3: Exod. 30-31 |
| Day 4: Exod. 5-7 | Day 4: Exod. 14-15 | Day 4: Exod. 24-25 | Day 4: Exod. 32 |
| Day 5: Exod. 8 | Day 5: Exod. 16-17 | Day 5: Exod. 26-27 | Day 5: Exod. 33 |

**9 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 10 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. 11 You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.**

**-Deut. 5:9-11**

## What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?