

# WRESTLING WITH GOD: WHO IS JACOB?

Genesis 32:22-25

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## I. JACOB'S BACKGROUND

### A. The Story of Redemption

1. Creation
2. Fall
3. Promise = The Seed

### B. The Story of his Family

1. Abraham and the promised seed (Genesis 12:1-3)
2. The obstacle: age and barrenness
3. The birth of Isaac
4. Isaac and the promised seed
5. The obstacle: barrenness
6. The birth of Esau and Jacob  
—> *God and obstacles*

## II. JACOB'S STORY

### A. Deceiver

### B. Traitor

### C. Fugitive

—> *Inheriting Faith?*

## III. JACOB'S GOD

### A. God the Intervener (Gen. 28:10-17)

### B. God the Provider (Gen. 32:10)

### C. God the Disciplinarian (Gen. 29)

1. The deceiver is deceived!
2. At least twice! (Gen. 29; see also 37:31-34)

### D. God the Restorer (Gen. 31:3)

1. God the Confronter
2. God the Reconciler
3. God the Healer

### E. God the Contender (Gen. 32:22-32)

—> *Salvation through dysfunction*