

# Relentless Grace

**Text: Genesis 25-35**

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Jacob's story shows us this truth:

God's grace is relentless — it won't let you go until you become who you were created to be.

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## 1. Grace Pursues Us When We Run

Genesis 28:10–15

**10** Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. **11** When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. **12** He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. **13** There above it stood the LORD, and he said: **"I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14** Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. **15** I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

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## 2. Grace Wrestles Us Until We Surrender

Genesis 32:24–30

**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, 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."

Slide-Grace will break what needs breaking so it can bless what needs blessing.

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### 3. Grace Restores What We Broke

Genesis 33:1–11

**33** Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men;so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants.**2** He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. **3** He himself went on

ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.

**4** But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. **5** Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. “Who are these with you?” he asked.

Jacob answered, “They are the children God has graciously given your servant.”

**6** Then the female servants and their children approached and bowed down. **7** Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down. Last of all came Joseph and Rachel, and they too bowed down.

**8** Esau asked, “What’s the meaning of all these flocks and herds I met?”

“To find favor in your eyes, my lord,” he said.

**9** But Esau said, “I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself.”

**10** “No, please!” said Jacob. “If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably. **11** Please accept the present that was brought to you, for God has been gracious to me and I have all I need.” And because Jacob insisted, Esau accepted it.

**Slide-Grace is not just about forgiveness —  
it’s about restoration.**

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## 4. The Grace That Never Lets Go

Hebrews 11:21 says,

“By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph’s sons and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.”

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The same grace that met Jacob running from home,  
wrestled him by the river,  
and restored him to his brother,  
is the same grace that’s still chasing you today.

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### 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

### 1 Corinthians 15:10 (NIV)

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

Philippians 1:6 – “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.”