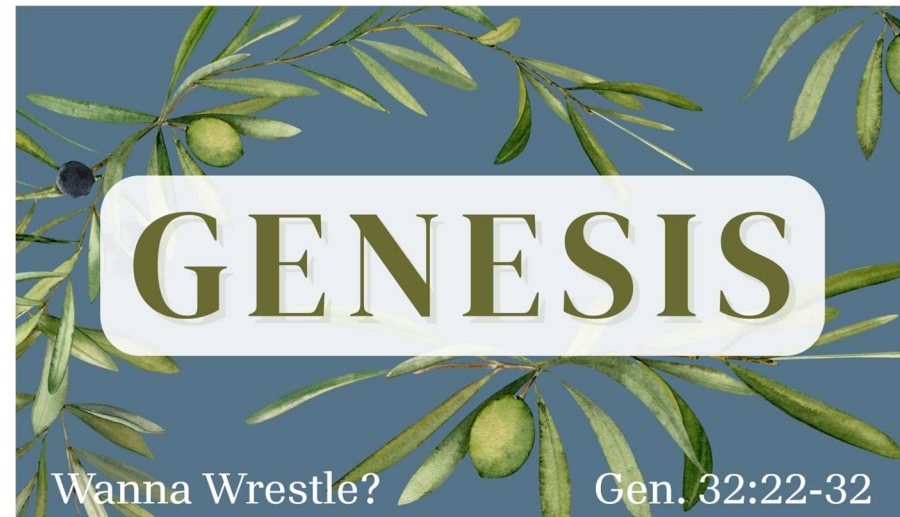


2. Jacob sought blessing through trickery before, but this time he received it through surrender. What's the difference between the two?
3. Jacob walked with a limp after this encounter. Why do you think God sometimes leaves us with “reminders” of our struggles?
4. How have you experienced blessing on the other side of surrender to God?

Sermon Discussion

Points for



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Read Genesis 32:22-32

As Jacob began his journey back home after his 20-year visit with Laban, he was returning a different man. God was refining and transforming Jacob to be a man submitted and obedient to Him.

As Jacob anxiously anticipated meeting his brother Esau, not knowing what that meeting would bring, God comes and wrestles with Jacob. Jacob is left with a blessing, and a new name and identity. Just like Jacob, we need God to wrestle with us and transform us into the people He has called us to be.

Vs. 22-24 – God Wrestled with Jacob

1. Have you ever wrestled with a sibling, cousin, or friend who was bigger or stronger than you growing up? What was that like?
2. Why do you think God met Jacob when he was alone and quiet? How does slowing down in silence and solitude help us hear from and encounter God?
3. For once in his life, Jacob found himself wrestling with an opponent he couldn't outsmart or deceive. How does God "overpowering" us and bringing us to the end of ourselves help us submit to Him?
4. What does it say about God's heart and character that He went to Jacob rather than waiting for Jacob to come to Him? How have you experienced God wrestling with and confronting you?

Vs. – 25-26 Jacob Wrestled with God

1. What does it say about Jacob that He engaged with and wrestled with God rather than just giving up?
2. If God is all-powerful, why do you think He allowed Jacob to wrestle all night instead of ending it quickly?
3. How does engaging and wrestling with God in our relationship with Him help form and shape our character?
4. Have you ever had a time where you felt like you were "wrestling" with God in prayer, doubt, or obedience? What happened?
5. How would knowing that God is delighted when we wrestle and engage with Him change how you think about Him and how you pray?

Vs. 27-31 – Wrestling Brought Blessing

1. Jacob's name was changed from "deceiver" to "Israel." How do you think that new name would remind him of God's work in his life?