

WRESTLING WITH GOD

Genesis 32

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Introduction: These days, one of the fastest growing sports on the planet is mixed martial arts (MMA). In this rough-and-tumble arena, it has become apparent that elite wrestlers often have a distinct advantage. Wrestlers are tough. They have ridiculous endurance. And once they lay hold of an opponent, they often don’t let go.

All these characteristics also apply to Jacob’s wrestling match with God in Genesis 32.

With Jacob’s struggle as our guide, we’ll examine how to handle crucial moments in our lives in which we must wrestle with the kind of person we will be, and the degree to which God will transform us

1. A Reality Check

2. Wrestling with God forces us to acknowledge our weakness, our unworthiness, and our true identity.

3. It's only when we come clean about our old identity that God moves to give us a new one.

4. **The Big Idea:** "Keep clinging."