The Story

- Jacob went to Paddan Aram for a wife

- God gave Jacob the promises of Abraham

- Jacob married Rachel and Leah

- Worked for Laban for 20 years

- God sent Jacob back to Canaan

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Jacob's prayer of desperation *-32:9-12*

Jacob attempts to pacify Esau *-32:13-21*

Jacob's Prayer Of Desperation

"O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, O Lord, who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,' I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant."

"I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two groups. Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children."

"But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted."

-Genesis 32:9-12

Jacob's Prayer Is A Model For Us

"As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Mast, we're going to drown!'"

-Luke 8:23-24

"and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

-Psalm 50:15

- Don't let past failure deter us
- Humble – no demands or bargains

- Acknowledge your own fear and weakness
- Remember God's goodness
- Recognize God's power

- Remind yourself of God's direction

- Remind God of His promise

- Request God's help

<u>As You Walk Through Life. . .</u>

. . .Don't be surprised or dismayed at desperate circumstances.

. . .God is close and wants you to call out to   Him

. . .Goal is relationship, not just deliverance