Genesis 32:22-32 - Jacob Wrestles with God

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Genesis 32:22-32

Action

22 The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had.

- Genesis 32:22-23

Trial

24 And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.

- Genesis 32:24

28 Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with **God** and with men, and have prevailed."

- Genesis 32:28

30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen **God** face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

- Genesis 32:30

Trial - Discipline

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." 7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? – Hebrews 12:5b-7

11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. – Hebrews 12:11

Trial - Test

But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold. – Job 23:10

Endurance

25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

- Genesis 32:25

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

- James 1:12

Blessed

26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." 27 And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

- Genesis 32:26-27

7 It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior.

- Hebrews 7:7

in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:6-7

New Name

28 Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

- Genesis 32:28

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is *a new creation*. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

29 Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

- Genesis 32:29

Remembrance

30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

- Genesis 32:30

Scars

31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. 32 Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

- Genesis 32:31-32