



HAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

What qualities of Jacob's do you most admire?

When have you struggled in your life, trying to make things happen according to your own plan or timing, and what does that show about your relationship with God?

What things are you wrestling with today?

- 1) Your own ambitions.
- 2) Your fears.
- 3) Temptations.
- 4) Giving God control of your life.
- 5) Other _____.

When has a difficult struggle ended with a good result for you?

What things most often cause you to hold back from repairing a broken relationship, and how could you trust God for this?

In the end, God called Jacob back to Bethel. Jacob got rid of the things that displeased God, and there Jacob received God's blessing. He had come full-circle, and God gave him a new start. Where do you need to get a fresh start in your own life?

What encourages you most about this story?

- 1) To see that God would use someone who made so many mistakes.
- 2) To see that God would mend family relationships.
- 3) To see that God kept His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

THE HUMAN FACTOR

Read Psalm 119:90 and Psalm 145:13.

Where and how do you see the theme of these verses so far in Genesis?

Where do you see this theme in your own life and family?

The Life of Jacob BETWEEN_{THE}LINES

Take some time to read the rest of the story of the life of Jacob in Genesis 32:22-31; 33:1-5, and 35:1-12.



HAT DOES IT SAY?

Jacob and Esau had not seen each other for many years. Describe the experience Jacob had the night before he met his brother.

Jacob had deceived his father and cheated his brother. What actions did Jacob take to try to ensure a good reception for himself and his family?

Now describe the meeting of the two brothers. How is it surprising?

Whose full blessing did Jacob get in the end? (Genesis 35:9-12.)



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Why did the "man" wrestle with Jacob?

- 1) To cause him to quit struggling against God's will.
- 2) To see how strong Jacob really was.

What might have been going through Jacob's mind as he went to meet his brother?

- 1) I can't wait to see him.
- 2) I deserve whatever I get.

Why did Jacob insist on giving Esau gifts?

- 1) To appease Esau's anger.
- 2) To appease his own guilt.
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