sermon notes

Adam Casalino, Messiah Bible Church | Genesis 32:22-32
November 4, 2026 | “Wrestling with God”

1) Jacob is at the _____

2) Jacob wrestles _____

3) Jacob receives _____

4) Jacob puts _____

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Jacob wrestled with God because he was intent on pursuing his own ambitions instead of God’s. Is there anything in your life that is conflicting with God’s plan for your life? Do you have desires that you have not put in God’s hands? Do you fear that God’s plan for your life is not as good as what you envision?

What does the Bible say about God’s plan for you? What is God’s will for all those who put their faith in Jesus Christ? What does the Bible say about God’s intentions for your prayers?

GET PERSONAL

Take some time and consider how God’s blessings are connected to his purposes. Write out some of the blessings God has given you (family, job, friends, home, possessions, ministry, health, etc.). In what ways does God want to work through those blessings?

What could be God’s purpose in blessing you with those things? What is God teaching you through the circumstances (both good and bad) of your life? How can you see the things in your life as avenues for God to do his good, pleasing, and perfect work in you and through you?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

God’s plan was always for Jacob to be blessed and with those blessings, bless others. God wanted Jacob to teach his children to walk with and serve the Lord. He wanted him to be an example of a God-fearing man in a world of unbelieving Gentiles.

How can you use the things God has given you to be a witness to others? What resources has God given you that he wants you to use for his kingdom plans?

Do you find yourself often wrestling with God? What would it look like for you to stop fighting God and surrender to his plans for your life? What steps can you take today to change the way you think about God, to foster a stronger relationship with him?