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Topic: **The Life of Jacob (part 3): A Sinner Converted**

Scripture Text: Genesis 32: 24-31

1. Jacob will be converted and his name will be called Israel. This impact will be for generations. God will work wonderfully in His time and His way.
2. The time came where Jacob had to leave Laban and he will soon meet Esau. Jacob was very afraid and he thought he was the one in control. But finally, Jacob admitted that he was a great sinner and he didn't deserve any of God's mercy.
3. However, Jacob still did things according to his own way. He brought a lot of expensive gifts to appease Esau. The Lord had to teach him to follow according to God's way by faith. The Lord condescended to wrestle with Jacob and He waited only until the morning to defeat Jacob. Jacob was one who fought very hard to do things his own way. This reflects our nature before we believed in Christ.
4. God wants us to submit our will unto Him but often we still want to do things in our own way. Jacob learned his lesson. The Lord touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh so that he couldn't fight anymore. God then blessed Jacob and Jacob showed his understanding and submission by calling the place Peniel i.e. I have seen God face to face.
5. Because Jacob submitted everything to God, God protected and led Jacob all the way. From now on, Jacob will be lame and this will always remind him of how he was saved. This is the picture of our life if we are born again.