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Topic: Is the Lord God Breaking You?

Scripture text: Genesis 32:24-32

1. God will often break a person so that He can use that person. To break the person is so that he will cling to God and God can bless Him. Through many incidents, God has been moulding Jacob.

- 2. In all of Jacob's dealings with Esau, Isaac, and Laban, he has prevailed. However, he could not win against God here. He realised his own helplessness and weakness. He could only cling on to God to seek His blessings. Likewise, we need to be broken and be humble, so that God can use us and bless us. We need to surrender our lives to God and not rely on our own strength and wisdom.
- 3. The wrestling went on all night. God could easily overpower Jacob but He did not. God will not crush us but will gently break us with love and care, even if it may be painful. It is to teach us to yield to Him and to draw close to Him. The weaker we are, the greater the strength of Christ in us (2 Cor 12:9).