

JACOB: The Man Who Wrestled God And Lived To Limp About It

JACOB'S STORY

Jacob & His Mom's Really Dumb Idea: Helping God Out
Genesis 25:19-28:5

The High Price Of A Self-Made Man
Genesis 28:10-30:43

Heading Home - Wrestling God – Guess Who Wins?
Genesis 31:1-35:29/ Hosea 12:2-5

JACOB'S DUMB TAX

Lessons We Don't Have To Learn The Hard Way

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Acts 7:20-34/ John 6:14-15
- 2 Never do the wrong thing to accomplish the right thing
Proverbs 20:17/ Genesis 25:21-26, 27:1-13, 47:9
- 3 We'll never have a miracle without a mess
Proverbs 3:5-7/ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10/ 1 Corinthians 10:13
- 4 We can submit now or later – Now is a lot easier
Philippians 2:9-11/ Romans 12:1-2 vs Genesis 47:9/ Matthew 11:28-30

TAKING IT HOME

1. Looking back at this week's sermon and study, is there anything you'd specifically like prayer for?

2. Do you have any other prayer requests?

Prayer is an important part of being in a Growth Group. Over the years we've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines.

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME - Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request either before prayer begins or during the prayer time. Once a topic is introduced, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE - Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT AND SIMPLE - Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group. No one's required to pray out loud.



REAL MAN WEEKEND: Our Real Man Weekend for the Oakbridge Experience is set for October 22-24. The weekend will include plenty of man event options (paintball \$35, golf \$54, sports, mountain biking, skateboard park, 4x4ing, sleeping & eating, etc.). This year, our own Chris Brown will be delivering

the goods. Also, Mikey Esparza from the FM94/9 Mikey Show will also be one of our guests for the weekend, live and in person.

Cost is \$169-199. Sign up at the booth in the plaza starting October 2. Space is limited. Don't delay.

Register online www.northcoastchurch.com.

SERMON SERIES: MAN CAVE

Message #3: Jacob: The Man Who Wrestled God and Lived To Limp About It

Genesis 25:19 – 35:29

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of September 26, 2010

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Would you rather...

- ⇒ Work at ...Disneyland or Sea World?
- ⇒ Go to a ...concert or full service day spa?
- ⇒ Live as a ...dog or a cat?
- ⇒ Sleep ...under the stars or in a four star resort?
- ⇒ Be CEO ...of BMW or Mattel?

2. Who was your most memorable teacher in elementary school and why?

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Impatience with God and the temptation to get things going on our own is something we can all relate to. What do the following verses teach us about God's timing and our role in being patient yet still active?

Proverbs 21:30-31

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

2 Peter 3:8-9

Can you think of how understanding these verses may actually take the pressure off of trying to help God out? If so, explain.

2. Living with a "limp," whether self-inflicted or not, can be no small challenge. How we deal with it can change how we relate to God and others. In 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, how did Paul turn his "limp" into a positive?

Can you think of any reasons why having Paul's perspective might be difficult? If so, explain.

3. Submitting to God sooner rather than later is always better. But knowing what that looks like and how to go about it in our daily lives can be a challenge. How does Romans 12:1-2 describe what submission looks like and what its results can be?

Is there anything in these verses that you wish you had more explanation on? If so, explain.