

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 02 Dec '18.....Genesis 25-27.....The Deceiver
- 2) 09 Dec.....Genesis 28.....Not Alone
- 3) 16 Dec.....Genesis 29-30.....Family?
- 4) 23 Dec.....Luke 1 – Christmas Message.....Promise Kept
- 5) 30 Dec.....Genesis 30-31.....Home!
- 6) 06 Jan '19.....Genesis 32.....Transformed**
- 7) 13 Jan.....Genesis 33.....Reconciled
- 8) 20 Jan.....Sanctity of Life.....Protect and Save
- 9) 27 Jan.....Genesis 34-36.....Assurance
- 10) 03 Feb.....Genesis 37.....Accept It
- 11) 10 Feb.....Genesis 38-39.....Tempted
- 12) 17 Feb.....Genesis 40-41.....Opportunity Knocks
- 13) 24 Feb.....Genesis 42-50.....Reunited

**INTRODUCTION**

- Jacob wrestles with a Heavenly Being and is never the same again. Are we saying a puny human whipped up on Heaven's best? How can that be?
- Can we wrestle with God to get something from Him?
- Can we even negotiate with God to get our way?

Passage	Comments
32:1-2	<p><b>The Angels of God Met Jacob at "Two Camps"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mahanaim is mentioned 13x in the OT as a city of Gad – about 40 miles north of the Dead Sea</li> <li>• These 2 verses don't say much, but that doesn't mean they are unimportant                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Angels have a function to minister to God's servants, though, we are not aware of them ..... <a href="#">Heb 1:14</a></li> <li>◆ In this case, they reveal themselves – possibly as an encouragement to Jacob</li> <li>◆ Jacob acknowledges they are from God ('this is God's camp') and marks the place – and it becomes a reference point for several other biblical journeys to start, end, or march through..... <a href="#">Jos 21:38</a>; <a href="#">2Sam 2:8</a></li> <li>◆ Do you have any vivid points of remembrance where God had a major impact on your life?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
32: 4-8	<p><b>Time to Reconcile with Big Brother Esau</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Esau traveled about 150 miles to meet Jacob</li> <li>• vv6-8. Jacob was courteous to send an advanced notice to Esau, but was surprised at Esau's response                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 400 men could be considered a warring party</li> <li>◆ Remember, Abraham had an army of 318 to rescue Lot from marauders..... <a href="#">Gen 14:14</a></li> <li>◆ Jacob had feelings like the rest of us under life &amp; death situations → Great fear; he was distressed; and he acted before praying</li> <li>◆ Jacob seemingly acted wisely by separating his possessions – hoping not to lose everything; Or was Jacob a coward and acted out of fear?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Should reconciliation with family be this difficult?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Who should make the 1<sup>st</sup> move?..... <a href="#">Rom 12:18</a></li> <li>◆ Should it not be the most spiritually mature? "He that's in the know should be the 1<sup>st</sup> to go"</li> <li>◆ BUT what if the offended party doesn't want to reconcile?..... <a href="#">2Cor 5:18</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
32:9-12	<p><b>Jacob's Prayer for Deliverance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v9. Jacob called God, not his God, but his father's God                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Recall earlier that Jacob would not call God his God or "my God" till God had successfully allowed him to return to his father's house ..... <a href="#">Gen 28:21</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv10-12. Jacob acknowledged his worthlessness, God's greatness, and asks for mercy in deliverance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ What deliverance has God performed for you?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Passage	Comments
32:13-23	<p><b>A Timely Gift Can Appease the Hardest Hearts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v20. Jacob prepared a tremendous gift to appease Esau's anger and he made preparation for a speedy rendezvous as he sent everything to the other side of the river the day before. Did Jacob overdo it?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ How much effort or expense should it take to reconcile with loved ones? Are we willing to pay it?</li> <li>◆ What kind of gifts should be given? ..<a href="#">Prov 18:16</a>; <a href="#">21:14</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
32:24-32	<p><b>Jacob Wrestled with God &amp; Got a Blessing &amp; a Curse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does someone wrestle w/ God? Is it in persistent prayer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No   <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe ..... <a href="#">Lk 18:1-8</a></li> <li>• Some people who spent all night in prayer:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus ..... <a href="#">Luke 6:12</a></li> <li>Samuel ..... <a href="#">1Samuel 15:11</a></li> <li>David ..... <a href="#">2Samuel 12:16</a></li> <li>Nehemiah ..... <a href="#">Nehemiah 1:5-6</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Should we persist with our original prayer request(s), or if not answered, adjust it till we get an answer; or if we know God's will shall we acquiesce to His solution?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Can we negotiate with God for a different or modified solution? Is God ever flexible?                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No   <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe/Depends   <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know</li> <li>1. Abraham pleaded for Sodom..... <a href="#">Gen 18:16-32</a></li> <li>2. Moses pleaded for Israel's survival..... <a href="#">Ex 32:9-14</a></li> <li>3. Hezekiah got 15 more years..... <a href="#">2Kings 20:1-11</a></li> <li>4. Ezekiel made out a little better..... <a href="#">Ezek 4:12-15</a></li> <li>5. Jesus, however, was not successful in getting God to consider Plan B (remove this cup). <a href="#">Mat 26:39-42</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ <b>Consider This.</b> Know the difference between being biblically persistent and being obnoxious or we could receive "leanness to our soul" for praying for things just to satisfy our lust..... <a href="#">Ps 160:13-15</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• God's Angel (a probable Christophany) smote Jacob with a limp. <b>Why would God resort to injuring Jacob with a life-long malady?</b> Does He do the same to us?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Some reasons God may afflict His saints                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God's Purpose (e.g., genetic disposition) ... <a href="#">Ex 4:11</a></li> <li>2. God's Glory ..... <a href="#">Ps 142:7</a></li> <li>3. Testing ..... <a href="#">Job</a>; <a href="#">Luke 4:1-13</a></li> <li>4. Instructive ..... <a href="#">Ps 119:71</a>; <a href="#">Luke 15:11-17</a></li> <li>5. Cause &amp; Effect (e.g., poor diet) ... <a href="#">Dan 1:8,12,13,15</a></li> <li>6. Preventive (humbling)..... <a href="#">2Cor 12:7</a></li> <li>7. Happenstance (e.g., floods &amp; fire) ..... <a href="#">Mat 5:45</a></li> <li>8. Chastisement (due to sin) ..... <a href="#">Rev 3:19</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• God also blessed Jacob with a new name – Israel</li> <li>• Jacob, again, marks the place – Peniel – "facing God"</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- Remember, we have been given the ministry of reconciliation ([2Cor 5:18](#)). Take it seriously, for by it, we heal family and church rifts and we bring others to Christ.

**NEXT WEEK: Genesis 33.** Esau showed grace to Jacob by running to him and embracing him like a long lost brother, but Jacob just deceived Esau one more time by telling Esau he will meet him at Seir, but Jacob detoured to Succoth instead, 100 miles away.

