

PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, BUKIT JALIL

SERMON OUTLINE

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Wrestling With the Father

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[Text: Genesis 32: 22-32](#)

INTRODUCTION

Jacob had become wealthy and aroused the jealousy of his brothers in law. His father-in law had been hard on him. In the midst of these, God had asked him to return “Home” But having to face his brother Esau was also huge task. Jacob needed to be reconciled to his father in law and his brother.

1. A NECESSARY EXPERIENCE

- God initiates the wrestling: God wants to be actively engaged in our lives
- God’s reason for wrestling: to remind Jacob who was behind him
- God reminds Jacob of his deeds: tricked Esau of birth right, now has to face the music

2. A HUMBLING EXPERIENCE

- Jacob is crippled
- Jacob demanded a blessing: to reaffirm God is with him
- Jacob is humbled: a change of name.

3. A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE

- A new name: Israel
- A new power: came out limping, but knew another strength
- A new home: returned to Canaan, meets with brother who embraces and kisses him

CONCLUSION

Does God need to wrestle with you? Don’t resist - submit to him. Is there something you need from God? An answer, a reassurance or God’s plan. Do let go of it hold on to it as Jacob said, ” I will not let you go until you bless me” (Gen 32:26)