

GENESIS (32:22-32)  
Week's Reading: Genesis 32-36  
Discussion Guide, September 26, 2021

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. - 2 Timothy 1:7-8

**OPEN:**

- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
- Can someone summarize what has taken place up to Genesis 32?

**READ and ASK: Genesis 32:22-32**

- Why do you think Jacob sent his family on ahead and spent time alone prior to joining them?
  - o What do you think he was doing?
  - o What is your "go to" before facing a difficult situation?
- What do you think God is trying to teach Jacob by wrestling with him?
  - o Why do you think God wrenched Jacob's hip?
  - o What makes us believe that this is a theophany (God in the form of something, in this case a man)?
- How does this encounter illustrate Jacob's life?

**APPLY:**

- How does this encounter illustrate your life? How can you relate to this story?
- How are you currently wrestling with God?
  - o Israel means "he struggles with God." What name might God give you?
- What is one struggle you have had that you can see has resulted in good? How did it help you grow spiritually?

- This text marks a significant change in Jacob's life. While he does not get everything right from here out, he does shift from being self-reliant to being God-reliant.
  - o NEXT STEP(S): How do you need to trust and rely on God this week?

Memory Work:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

- Proverbs 3:5-6

Next Week's Reading:

Genesis 37-41