

WRESTLING

GENESIS

32:22-31

WITH GOD



Isaac and Rebekah

Love story

Genesis 24:67 (p 26)

Birth of sons

Genesis 25:22–26 (p 26)

Esau was a man of the field

Jacob was a man of tents

Conflict: Genesis 25:29–34; chapter 27



So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

Genesis 27:41-45 (p 30)



Jacob In Padan Aram

Promise assured	Genesis 28:10–22 (p 31)
Jacob meets Rachel	Genesis 29 (p 31)
Jacob's children	Genesis 30 (p 32)
Jacob's conflict	Genesis 31 (p 34)

The journey home begins and fear sets in!



Jacob Going Home

- Jacob is afraid **Genesis 32:6-8 (p 36)**
- Jacob prays **Genesis 32:9-12 (p 36)**
- Jacob sends gifts **Genesis 32:13-21 (p 37)**
- Jacob wrestles with a Man **Genesis 32:22-32 (p 37)**



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Some Lessons from the Wrestling Match

1. Jacob is about to meet Esau and he is afraid
2. The life of Jacob has always been about conflict
3. His son Naphtali foretells the event

Genesis 30:6-8 (p 33)

The key is **Genesis 32:9-12 (p 37)**

**PRAYER
AND
CONFLICT**



WRESTLING WITH GOD TODAY

Jesus alludes to this in **Matthew 10:27-33 (p 1122)**

**Prayer is a conflict between
our wills and God's will!**

PRAYERS OF CONFLICT

- Jesus in the garden

Matthew 26:38-39 (p 1146)

- Paul and his thorn

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (p 1335)



SO WE MAY BOLDLY SAY: "THE LORD IS MY
HELPER; I WILL NOT FEAR. WHAT CAN MAN
DO TO ME?"



HEBREWS 13:6 (P 1384)