

Wrestling With God
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Genesis 32:24-31
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Matthew 16:24-25
So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?"
"Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

What do we do?

Silence and Solitude

Enter into the Process

Get Real, Ask For More

Surrender Self

Matthew 16:24-25
Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

A Pursuant God

He came after us and comes after us. His resilient love for us cannot be easily shaken or discouraged. He has his eyes on us and a goodness for us that He does not withhold.

An Intimate God

He invites us and goes with us into a safe place to be fully who we are, fully seen, fully known, fully accepted, loved, and fought for.



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A Merciful God

Mercy: Not getting the outcome you *actually* deserve and/or getting a *better outcome* than you actually deserve.
He stays in the wrestling with us, not controlling or condemning. Patiently, generously redeeming what is broken in us and calling to life the fullness of who He has made us to be.

A Powerful God

The *power* of God changes us.