



CALVARY LIFE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PASSAGE: Genesis 32 'Wrestling With God'

THEME/S: Prayer, surrender, Israel

1. What meaning and connotation does the word 'surrender' have to the world and what does it mean for Christians?

Read Genesis 32:1 – 21

2. In verse 7 we read that Jacob was "*greatly afraid*" of Esau and then in verses 9 – 12 he prayed a great prayer to God. What do you notice about Jacob's prayer and in what ways should we pray like he prayed?
3. George Mueller once said, "*The most important part of prayer is the 15 minutes after saying 'Amen'*". What did Jacob do after he prayed and what lessons can we learn from this?

Read Genesis 32:22 – 32

4. What challenges you, speaks to you or raises questions in your mind from these verses?
5. Who was the Man, why did He wrestle with Jacob and who won the wrestling match? (See Hosea 12:3 – 5 for additional insight).
6. What was the blessing that Jacob received and what was its spiritual significance?
7. Have you ever wrestled with God (or indeed has God wrestled with you) and what was the outcome of that wrestling match?
8. 'Surrendering to God' is a phrase often used by Christians but can be easier said than done. Practically, what does it mean for us to surrender to God? And what are the character attributes of a person who is fully surrendered to God?

PRAY

Pray it through and pray it over! Tonight's passage and specific prayer needs.

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers"
(Acts 2:42)