**JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD**

Genesis 32:1-35:15

Key Verse 32:28 “Then the man said, ‘Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome.”

1. What was the problem on Jacob’s mind as he drew nearer home? (27:41) How did God try to relieve his fears? (32:2) What did Jacob do instead? (32:7-8)

2. How did his prayer in verses 32:9-12 show his spiritual growth? (cf. 28:20-22) How did his actions after his prayer show his restlessness and fear? (32:13-21)

3. How is Jacob’s wrestling with God similar to prayer? Even though he was injured, what blessing did he seek from God? (32:22-26)

4. Why did God ask Jacob for his name? (32:27) What is the significance of Jacob’s name change? (32:28)

5. What was Esau’s response when he saw Jacob? (33:4) Why did Jacob say that seeing Esau’s face was like “seeing the face of God”? (33:10)

6. Why did Jacob want to settle down near Shechem and why could he not? (33:17-34:31)

7. How did Jacob repent and go to Bethel and worship God there? (35:1-7) Why did God remind Jacob of his new name a second time? (35:10)