

What COULD be Written About You?

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Thread: When you PLACE your faith fully in Jesus, what's written about you changes.

“During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two servant wives, and his eleven sons and crossed the Jabbok River with them. After taking them to the other side, he sent over all his possessions. This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob’s hip and wrenched it out of its socket.

Then the man said, ‘Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!’

But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’”

Genesis 32:22-26 NLT

Jacob did not know what he was asking for, but He did know Yahweh was his answer.

“What is your name?” the man asked. He replied, ‘Jacob.’

‘Your name will no longer be Jacob,’ the man told him. ‘From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won.’ ‘Please tell me your name,’ Jacob said. ‘Why do you want to know my name?’ the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there. Jacob named the place Peniel (which means ‘face of God’), for he said, ‘I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared.’ The sun was rising as Jacob left Peniel, and he was limping because of the injury to his hip.” Genesis 32:27-31 NLT

“Then Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming with his 400 men. Jacob went on ahead. As he approached his brother, he bowed to the ground seven times before him. Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. And they both wept... ‘And what were all the flocks and herds I met as I came?’ Esau asked. Jacob replied, ‘They are a gift, my lord, to ensure your friendship.’ ‘My brother, I have plenty,’ Esau answered. ‘Keep what you have for yourself.’ But Jacob insisted, ‘No, if I have found favor with you, please accept this gift from me. And what a relief to see your friendly smile! It is like seeing the face of God! Please take this gift I have brought you, for God has been very gracious to me. I have more than enough.’ And because Jacob insisted, Esau finally accepted the gift.”

Genesis 33:1-4, 8-11 NLT

Jacob wrestled with God.

Are you wrestling with God over something?

When Jacob PLACED his faith fully in God, what's written about him changes...because Jacob's heart has changed.

He is now the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob.

Is your faith fully in Jesus? Have you placed yourself fully in his hands?

Wrestling with forgiveness keeps me spiritually dull.

Until I release my full faith to God and REST in His forgiveness, I remain an infant.

“Right and wrong” have everything to do with OBEDIENCE.

DO you TRUST Him?

Challenge:

- God, show me when and where you are working in my life.
- What/who is your faith in?
- Is it time to give God the mess you made?
- Will you be obedient to God’s heart for you?