



## DAY 1: IN THE IN-BETWEEN

### DEVOTIONAL:

Life often places us in uncomfortable spaces where we're no longer where we've been but not yet where we're going. Jacob found himself in exactly this position - caught between his deceptive past and an uncertain future. Sometimes we think these in-between moments are just transitions to endure, but what if God has us right where He wants us? These liminal spaces aren't accidents or delays in God's plan. They're divine appointments where transformation happens. When you feel stuck between your yesterday and tomorrow, remember that God sees your location differently than you do. He's not waiting for you to arrive somewhere else to begin His work - He's working right now, right where you are. Your in-between place might be the exact spot where God wants to meet you.

### BIBLE VERSE:

"That same night he got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak." - Genesis 32:22-24

### REFLECTION QUESTION:

What 'in-between' space are you currently in, and how might God be positioning you there for a purpose?

### SERMON QUOTE:

"You are no longer where you have been, but you are not yet where you are going."

### PRAYER:

God, help me trust that even in uncomfortable in-between places, You have me exactly where You want me. Open my eyes to see Your purpose in this season. Amen.

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## DAY 2: WHEN GOD PICKS A FIGHT

### DEVOTIONAL:

Sometimes our greatest struggles aren't random hardships but divine appointments. Jacob discovered this when a mysterious wrestler appeared in the darkness. The fight wasn't Jacob's idea - God initiated it. This challenges our assumption that spiritual battles are always attacks from the enemy. Sometimes God Himself picks a fight with us because there's something He's trying to teach us through the struggle. When you're wrestling with circumstances, relationships, or decisions that seem to have no easy answers, consider this: maybe God started the fight. Maybe He's not trying to defeat you but to develop you. The struggles that feel most overwhelming might be the very ones God is using to prepare you for your next season. Don't assume every difficult moment is opposition to God's will - it might be the pathway to it.

### BIBLE VERSE:

"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." - Genesis 32:25

### REFLECTION QUESTION:

What current struggle in your life might actually be God trying to teach you something important?

### SERMON QUOTE:

"I want you to see is God does not pick a fight arbitrarily. If God picks a fight with you, there's something that God is trying to teach you in the struggle."

### PRAYER:

Lord, give me wisdom to recognize when You're the one initiating the struggle. Help me learn what You're trying to teach me through this fight. Amen.

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## DAY 3: THE POWER OF HOLDING ON

### DEVOTIONAL:

Jacob won his wrestling match not because he was stronger than God, but because he refused to let go. All night long, he held on with desperate determination, knowing that his breakthrough was connected to his persistence. In our instant culture, we expect quick fixes and immediate results. But spiritual transformation doesn't work that way. There's no such thing as instant holiness - it takes time. The problem isn't that God is slow to answer; the problem is that we let go too quickly. When prayers seem unanswered, when circumstances don't change, when growth feels painfully slow, our natural tendency is to release our grip. But what if your breakthrough is just one more hour of holding on away? Jacob's victory came at daybreak, after a full night of wrestling. Your dawn might be closer than you think.

### BIBLE VERSE:

"Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.'" - Genesis 32:26

### REFLECTION QUESTION:

What situation in your life requires you to 'hold on' longer instead of giving up?

### SERMON QUOTE:

"Jacob won the fight by holding on."

### PRAYER:

God, give me the persistence to hold on when everything in me wants to let go. Help me trust that You're working even when I can't see progress. Amen.

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## DAY 4: YOUR PAST DOESN'T DEFINE YOU

### DEVOTIONAL:

The most powerful moment of Jacob's wrestling match wasn't the physical struggle - it was the name change. Jacob, meaning 'deceiver,' became Israel, meaning 'one who wrestles with God.' In one divine encounter, his entire identity shifted from his shameful past to his promising future. Your past may be who you have been, but it does not determine who you will be. The mistakes, failures, and poor choices that have defined you don't have the final word. God specializes in identity transformation. He sees beyond your Jacob moments to your Israel potential. Every lie you've told, every relationship you've damaged, every opportunity you've wasted - none of it disqualifies you from God's purposes. When God looks at you, He doesn't see just who you were; He sees who you're becoming. Your past is not your prison; it's your preparation for something greater.

### BIBLE VERSE:

"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.'" - Genesis 32:28

### REFLECTION QUESTION:

What aspects of your past do you need to release so you can embrace the new identity God has for you?

### SERMON QUOTE:

"Jacob's who you were. Israel is who you are. Jacob is your past. Israel is your future."

### PRAYER:

Father, thank You that my past doesn't define my future. Help me embrace the new identity You're creating in me through every struggle. Amen.

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## DAY 5: THE BLESSING OF A LIMP

### DEVOTIONAL:

Jacob left his wrestling match with a permanent limp, and surprisingly, it was a blessing. The limp removed his self-sufficiency and served as a constant reminder of his encounter with God. Sometimes our greatest strengths come disguised as weaknesses. Maybe when we limp, we're at our greatest strength because we're forced to depend on God rather than ourselves. Your struggles, scars, and limitations aren't signs of God's absence - they might be evidence of His presence. The very thing that makes you feel weak could be what makes you most effective for God's kingdom. If you're wrestling with God right now, take heart: at least you know God's close by. Hold on. God's doing something at Jabbok that might just change your life. Your limp might become your greatest blessing, a reminder that God's strength is made perfect in your weakness.

### BIBLE VERSE:

"The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip." - Genesis 32:31

### REFLECTION QUESTION:

How might your current weakness or struggle actually be positioning you for greater dependence on God's strength?

### SERMON QUOTE:

"Your limp might be a blessing."

### PRAYER:

Lord, help me see my limitations as opportunities to experience Your strength. Turn my limp into a blessing that draws me closer to You. Amen.

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