

## the struggle| *wrestling with life*

### ***When You Come to the End of Yourself***

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Genesis 32:22-32, v 28

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**Introduction:** You struggle. I struggle. Life is a struggle. The struggle of life can exhaust and diminish and confound and embitter us. But there's another struggle too. There's a struggle with the one who made us and loves us and wants to give us life. The question for Lent is: What am I struggling with? Am I struggling with the darkness, or am I struggling with the one who will show me the face of God?

**Prayer:** Father, help us to see the importance of this time in the history of the Jews. Amen

**Review:** What do you remember of the major point of pastor George's sermon last Sunday?

**Read:** Genesis 32:22-32, v 28

### ***Discussion:***

1. What was the man's response to Jacob's demand for a blessing? Was the response surprising? Explain.
2. What is the significance of Jacob's new name to Jacob? How did the name change Jacob's identity? See Isaiah 62:2
3. What action of Jacob resulted in the change of name?
4. Do you believe that God has given you a new name? Explain.

**Application:** Live this week with the name God has given you.

**Prayer:** Father, thank you that your grace gives us new identity in Jesus.