

## the struggle| *wrestling with life*

### When Weakness is Your Strength

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Genesis 32:22-32, v 31

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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:** Holy God, teach us as we look at this text together. Let us see your power at work.  
Amen

**Review:** What have you learned about waiting for God's answers?

**Read:** Genesis 32:22-32, v 31

#### **Discussion:**

1. What will Jacob's limp remind him of? What cultural practice was established to help the Israelites remember this encounter with God? What practices do we have today for remembering God's work on our behalf?
2. Why is it important to acknowledge our weakness? Do you find this easy or hard? (See 1 Corinthians 1:20-25, 2 Corinthians 12:7-9)
3. What help do we have in our weakness? How have you experienced this? (See Romans 8:26, John 14:25-27, Romans 8:15-17)
4. Where in your life are you letting your strengths get in the way of God's work in you and through you? Where are you using your weaknesses as an excuse to do nothing?

**Application:** Offer to God your places of weakness and see what God will do with that.

**Prayer:** Father, Son and Spirit, thank you for what you have revealed to us and for what you will show us in the days to come. Amen