



SUNDAY MESSAGE: THE WRESTLING MATCH

Pastor Randy Young joined us to break down one of the most amazing moments in the Word, and the ultimate moment of Jacob’s life, when he wrestled with God. He challenged us from a different perspective, and brought really important questions for us from this moment over three millennia ago. In the end, “Blessing always follows brokenness before God” was a key take-away. After a lifetime of wrestling with Jacob’s will, God meets him for one last showdown and everything changes. It is because of this moment that God can introduce himself to Moses, centuries later as “the God of Abraham, Isaac... and Jacob.”

LADDER SESSION: TAP OUT

One of the most important things about this moment, as Pastor Ryan shared in our Ladder Session Podcast, is that Jacob was finally all alone. With all our connectedness and all of our cares, it’s a miracle if we are every truly alone and unplugged, but it is in the secret place that God works on our hearts. In this wrestling match, Jacob finally taps out. He finally realizes that he doesn’t have to scheme his way into all the blessings God wants to freely give to him. In this moment, God makes Jacob say his name aloud. He forces Jacob to wrestle with the man he has become, which is linked to his name - supplanter, schemer. In his mercy, God doesn’t leave him there, but Jacob is renamed Israel, and becomes the blessed father of many nations as he allows God to lead. For each of us, our destiny is unlocked when we hand over control to God, but sometimes God has to wrestle with us.

KEY QUESTIONS:

1. What does God wrestle with you about?
2. What are the things you have insulated yourself with?
3. Will you make space to get alone with Him?

NOTES:

FURTHER STUDY:

1. Prayerfully read and meditate on Galatians chapter three, where Paul contrasts trying to “earn” our salvation through works of the law with the gift that God wants to give!
2. Listen to “You Won’t Relent” by Jesus Culture.
3. Take a look at your schedule for the week, and carve out time where you can be alone with Jesus. You won’t regret it. Fill that time with meditating on the Word, praying to Him, or getting alone in nature to reflect on God’s power and majesty.