

Unrelenting Commitment

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Genesis 32.22-32 (NLT)

22 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. 23 After taking them to the other side, he sent over all his possessions. 24 This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. 25 When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. 26 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."

27 "What is your name?" the man asked. He replied, "Jacob."

28 "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."

29 "Please tell me your name," Jacob said. "Why do you want to know my name?" the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there.

30 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." 31 The sun was rising as Jacob left Peniel, and he was limping because of the injury to his hip. 32 (Even today the people of Israel don't eat the tendon near the hip socket because of what happened that night when the man strained the tendon of Jacob's hip.)

Big Idea: God will turn your _____ into blessings when you commit to Him.

Question: How do we commit to God?

1. **Committing to God means we... Choose _____ over comfort.**

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- Courage is a "no _____ mentality."
- Courage is a willingness to stand _____.

Psalms 27.14

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. (NLT)

2. **Committing to God means we... Stay in the _____.**

Genesis 32.24-26

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"The quickest way for anyone to reach the sun and the light of the day is not to run west, chasing after the setting sun, but to head east plunging in the darkness until one comes to the sunrise." – Gerald Sittser

Luke 18.1-8 (*Parable of the Persistent Widow*)

3. Committing to God means we... Allow our _____ points to become our _____ points.

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4. Committing to God means we...See our _____ as a blessing.

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Israel – "Wrestles with God"

Our Hope For You:

- 1) You commit or continue to commit to God by starting a relationship with Him through Jesus.
- 2) You begin to see your brokenness as a time to encounter God at a deeper level.