



Week 6 (2/11/24)

Jacob

Sibling Rivalry At It's Best

Read **Genesis 25:21-23**

Describe the rivalry between Jacob and Esau as depicted in Genesis 25. (Twins wrestling in the womb)

Read **Genesis 25:25-26**

What significance does the naming of Jacob and Esau hold in their story? Explain the symbolism behind Jacob's name and his characteristics.

Read **Genesis 32:22-27**

What is the importance of the question "What is your name?" in the context of Jacob's encounter with God?

Discuss - How being alone with God allows for an opportunity of examination and reflection. Ask for volunteers for the discussion to maybe speak about a personal encounter (solitary time, a retreat...)

How does the concept of a "new name" relate to personal transformation and spiritual growth? (Genesis 3:28). A New name can allow you to walk in a Fresh calling and take you to the next level.

Discuss - How the story of Jacob wrestling with God relates to personal encounters with God in our lives. Have someone give an honest account of wrestling with God about a decision or request...

Anyone who has ever had a true encounter with the Lord leaves with a noticeable change. How is Moses' encounter with God, as mentioned in Exodus 3, connected to Jacob's wrestling with God?

Read **Hosea 12:3-4**

If you're desperate for breakthrough, then now isn't the time to fight God—now is the time to surrender and embrace your new name... Forgiven/child of God