

Wrestling with God – *Genesis 32*

A couple of crazy **wrestling** stories?

How will Jacob **face** his **brother** Esau?

This is a **tale** of ... *Genesis 32:1-12*

- Two **armies** *vs. 1-2*
- Two **brothers** *vs. 3-5*
- Two **options** *vs. 6-12*

Destiny comes down to two “men” who **wrestle** in the night.

But this **weird**, just plain **weird!** *vs. 22-32*

If we are honest, we have been here, too, ... with **sin** ... with **uncertainty** ... with **fear**.

When faith is **crowded** out by these, like Jacob, we’re left **alone** ... with our own **scheming**, alone by the Jabbok River! *vs. 24*

If we understand Jacob’s **issue**, we’ll understand our own.

So meeting Esau wasn’t his most **important** meeting!

- He met **God** *vs. 30*
- He met **himself** *vs. 27*

Will he be Jacob, the **weasel** and **cheat**, or Israel who is **surrendered** to the **will** and **way** of God?

- ★ He is given a new **name** *vs. 28*
- ★ He is confronted with **hard** grace *vs.30*
- ★ He walks away with a **limp** *vs. 31*

Only we way we get into **heaven** is with a **limp!**