

# Wrestling With God

## Genesis 32-33

### Jacob

Genesis 25:19-32--Son of Isaac and Rebekah

1. Esau--Red
2. Jacob--Heel grabber (You're pulling my leg)

Genesis 27--Isaac's Blessing

1. Jacob's deceit
2. Esau's threat.

Genesis 28-31--Getting Jacob a wife, Laban's work deals.

Genesis 31-32--Jacob returns home,

1. prepares to meet Esau and
2. wrestles with God

### Jacob's Struggle

Genesis 32:

1. The struggle with Self-indulgence (Rachel/Leah)
2. The struggle with Self-sufficiency (Trickery/the sinew)
3. The struggle with Self-preservation (Meeting Esau)
4. After wrestling with God, he wasn't concerned as much with these.

### Jonah's Struggle

Jonah 1-4

1. With God
2. With His enemy
3. With His self

### Paul's Struggle

Romans 7:15ff

1. With Sin
2. With Righteousness
3. Confidence in Christ 7:25-8:2

### Jesus' Struggle

1. With Satan Matthew 4:
2. With a Cross in Gethsemene--"Not my will but YOUR will be done."