

## **#DeathToSelfie**

(1) *Just Call Me Jacob*

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### **Genesis 32:22-29...**

*That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was **left alone**, and a man **wrestled** with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he **wrestled** with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." Then the man asked him, "What is your name...?" **Jacob**, he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be **Jacob**, but **Israel**... because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." Jacob then said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" **Then he blessed him there.***

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*Don't ever fall for the **LIE** that only **PERFECT PEOPLE**... get to play a part in **GOD'S PURPOSE!***

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### **Genesis 25:21-26a...**

*Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was **childless**. The Lord answered his prayer and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies **jostled each other within her**...*

**"Why is this happening to me?"**

**So she went to inquire of the Lord.**

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*"**Two nations** are in your womb and **two peoples** from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." When the time came for her to give birth, there were **twin boys** in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him **Esau**.*

*After this, his brother came out,  
**with his hand grasping Esau's heel**; so he was named **Jacob**.*

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**JACOB WAS BORN WITH THIS... "ME FIRST" MENTALITY!**

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**HOW CAN WE EVER... HAVE A "GOD FIRST" FOCUS... IN A "ME FIRST" WORLD?**

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**Matthew 19:30...**

*But many who are **first** will be **last**, and many who are **last** will be **first**.*

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**Luke 9:25...**

*What good is it for someone to **GAIN** the whole world,  
and yet **LOSE** or **FORFEIT** their very **SELF**?*

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**SOMETIMES WE'RE WILLING TO GIVE UP WHAT WE WANT *MOST*...  
FOR WHAT WE WANT *NOW*!**

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**WHEN YOU'RE CENTERED ON YOUR "SELF" IN LIFE... IT'S NEVER ENOUGH!**

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**C.S. Lewis...**

*"The problem is that we don't always take pride in the possession itself...  
but rather in having more of it... than someone else!"*

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**Genesis 27:15-24...**

*Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made. He went to his father and said, "My father." "Yes, my son," he answered. "**Who is it?**" - Jacob then said to his father, "**I am Esau your firstborn.** I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, **so that you may give me your blessing.**" Isaac asked his son, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?" "The Lord your God gave me success," he replied. Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not." Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; **so he proceeded to bless him.** "Are you really my son Esau?" he asked. "I am," he replied.*

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**YOU KNOW IT'S POSSIBLE... TO GET WHAT YOU WANT...  
BUT THEN NOT WANT... WHAT YOU GOT!**

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**GOD... CANNOT... BLESS... WHO... YOU... PRETEND... TO... BE!**

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**PERHAPS IT TAKES YOU ACTUALLY "GETTING ALL THAT STUFF" TO  
FINALLY REALIZE... THAT "STUFF" THAT YOU REALLY WANTED...  
IS NOT REALLY WHAT YOU NEEDED... AFTER ALL!**

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**YOU CAN'T MAKE THINGS RIGHT WITH ANYONE...  
UNTIL YOU FIRST MAKE THINGS RIGHT WITH GOD!**

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**Genesis 32:26...**

*Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."  
But Jacob replied, **"I WILL NOT LET YOU GO... unless you bless me."***

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*It's Probably Safe To Assume...*

**THAT YOU FINALLY FIND YOUR "SELF"...  
WHEN YOU ARE WILLING TO HOLD ON TO GOD...  
WHEN IT WOULD PROBABLY BE EASIER TO JUST LET GO!**

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*I... WILL... NOT... LET... **YOU**... GO... UNLESS... **YOU**... BLESS... ME!*

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**Verse 27a...**

*Then the man asked him... **"What is your name...?"***

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**Verse 27b...**

**"JACOB... I AM JACOB!"**

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**JUST... CALL... ME... JACOB!**

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**Verse 28...**

*Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be **Jacob**, but **Israel**...*

*because you have **STRUGGLED**...*

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*Meaning...*

*It's not only in your **SUCCESSES** that you **DISCOVER WHO YOU ARE**...  
Many Times/Often Times... it's in your **STRUGGLES** that you **DISCOVER WHO**  
**YOU REALLY ARE**... and more importantly... **WHO GOD IS!***

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**JACOB... was WHO HE WAS!**

**ISRAEL... was WHO 'GOD IN HIM' WAS!**

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