

Jacob becomes Israel

Scripture: Genesis 21:1-7; 22:1-19

Also: Galatians 3:28-29

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. Do you have a story of how God wrestled you free of something that you were holding onto, like a poor mindset, a toxic relationship, or even an addiction? How has He blessed you since?
3. Have you learned to lean more and more on God in your life? How has your quality of life improved by relinquishing your self-dependence and instead, putting your trust and reliance in God's hands?
4. Reflecting on Jacob's wrestling match, why do you think he refused to let go until he received a blessing from God? How can this attitude apply to our own struggles?
5. Do you have someone in your life that exemplifies a life of obedience and worship? How are they an encouragement to you?
6. Are there things in your life that you need to get rid of (35:2) and purify yourself to lead a more obedient life?
7. At Bethel, God repeated His gospel promises of children and land to Jacob. Why did Jacob need to hear this again? How many times did he hear it during his life? Why do Christian churches need to preach the gospel, and why do Christians need to hear it again?