



Trailblazers

FOR THE FAITH

**TRAILBLAZERS FOR  
THE FAITH**

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**ALL SIGNS POINT TO JESUS**

**JACOB**  
**A TRAILBLAZER**  
**WITH PURPOSE**

**JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD**

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**WITH PURPOSE**

**(GENESIS 32:22-31)**

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **MAIN LESSON TEXT**

### **GENESIS 32:22-31**

**FOCUS: JACOB WAS PART OF GOD'S PLAN TO BRING JESUS INTO THE WORLD. HE WAS WILLING TO WRESTLE AN ANGEL TO BE BLESSED.**

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **BACKGROUND**

**JACOB'S STORY BEGINS IN GENESIS  
25:19**

**(GENESIS 25:19-20)**

**ISAAC AND REBEKAH BLESSED WITH  
TWINS**

**GENESIS 25:21-22**

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **BACKGROUND**

**TWO NATIONS WOULD BEGIN WITH  
THE TWIN BROTHERS, ESAU AND  
JACOB**

**GENESIS 25:23**

**ESAU AND JACOB WERE VERY  
DIFFERENT**

**GENESIS 25:24-26**



# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

**Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines “supplant” as**

- 1) to supersede (another) especially by force or treachery**
- 2) to take the place of and serve as a substitute for especially by reason of superior excellence or power**

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **BACKGROUND**

**ESAU, A SKILLFUL HUNTER, A MAN OF  
THE FIELD; BUT JACOB, A MILD MAN,  
DWELLING IN TENTS.**

**GENESIS 25:27**

**ESAU SELLS HIS BIRTHRIGHT TO JACOB**

**GENESIS 25:29-33**

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **BACKGROUND**

**PARENTS' FAVORITISM:**

**ISAAC LOVED ESAU BUT REBEKAH  
LOVED JACOB**

**GENESIS 25:27**

**JACOB STEALS ESAU'S BLESSING**

**GENESIS 27**

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## **REAP WHAT YOU SOW**

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” (Galatians 6:7-9 NKJV)

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

**LESSON**

**FAST FORWARD TO GENESIS 32**

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **LESSON**

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**“ford” defined as**

- 1) a shallow place in a river or stream allowing one to walk or drive across.**
- 2) (of a person or vehicle) cross (a river or stream) at a shallow place.**





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## **LESSON**

**JACOB WRESTLES UNTIL BREAK OF  
DAY**

**GENESIS 32:24-25**

**JACOB BLESSED WITH NEW NAME,  
“ISRAEL”**

**GENESIS 32:26-28**



# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **LESSON**

“He took his brother by the heel in the womb, And in his strength he struggled with God. <sup>4</sup> Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed;  
He wept, and sought favor from Him.  
He found Him in Bethel, And there He spoke to us—” (Hosea 12:3-4 NKJV)

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

**A CHANGE IN NAME**

**JACOB HAS A NEW NAME AND A NEW  
LIMP**

**GENESIS 32:30-31**

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **APPLICATION**

**JACOB'S STORY BEGAN WITH  
DECEPTION AND SIN, AND ENDS AS A  
STORY OF HONESTY AND  
RECONCILIATION**



# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **APPLICATION**

**WHEN SELFISHNESS LEADS TO SIN,  
WE NEED HUMILIATION**

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **APPLICATION**

**ACCEPTING GOD'S LORDSHIP IN YOUR  
LIFE WILL HELP YOU TO RECONCILE  
WITH YOUR FAMILY/LOVED ONES**

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **APPLICATION**

**GOD WANTS US TO LEAD OUR FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS TO CHRIST. WE CAN  
ONLY DO THIS IF WE ARE IN A RIGHT  
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

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## **A NEW NAME**

### **EXAMPLES OF THOSE GIVEN NEW NAMES:**

- **ABRAM TO ABRAHAM (GEN. 17:5)**
- **SARAI TO SARAH (GEN. 17:15)**
- **SIMON TO PETER (MATT. 17:17-18)**

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## **A NEW NAME**

**THIS CHANGE IN NAME REFLECTS A  
DEEPER CHANGE. THE OLD LIFE IS  
FINISHED. A NEW LIFE IS BEGINNING.**

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **A NEW NAME**

“The Gentiles shall see your righteousness,  
And all kings your glory. You shall be called  
by a new name, Which the mouth of the  
LORD will name.”

(Isaiah 62:2 NKJV)

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## **A NEW NAME**

“...the disciples were first called Christians  
in Antioch..”

(Acts 11:26 NKJV)

# **JACOB: A TRAILBLAZER WITH PURPOSE**

## **A NEW NAME**

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.””

(Revelation 2:17 NKJV)



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## **A NEW NAME**

**IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A  
CHRISTIAN, WHEN WE ARE  
BAPTIZED, WE RECEIVE A NEW NAME.  
WE BECOME CHRISTIANS**

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## **CONCLUSION**

**IS YOUR STORY SIMILAR TO JACOB'S  
STORY?**

**MAYBE YOUR WRESTLING WITH  
PROBLEMS**

**DON'T GIVE UP...GOD CAN BLESS  
YOU, TOO!**

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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. How has a past failure shaped who you are and where you are today?
2. Are there any relationships you need to mend in your family? What steps can you take to begin the process?
3. With what are you wrestling in your own life?

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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

4. What would you be willing to do to receive God's blessing?
5. How has your life changed since you were baptized into Christ?
6. In what ways is your life blazing a trail for family or friends to follow?