**Jacob Strives with God**

Genesis 32:22-32

**I. God wrestles with Jacob**

Jacob had just prayed that God would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him from his brother, Esau.

This man was God Himself, an Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Jacob wouldn’t submit. Thus, God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and humbled him.

**II. God blesses Jacob**

Jacob sought a blessing from God with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Israel means “to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God” or “God strives”.

Israel had seen the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God and was delivered.

Everyone Jacob had strived against brought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into his life.

**Application**

1. May we regain a healthy fear of God. We need to turn away from the fear of man, and strive for God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Lord often has to injure us to bring us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those who persevere in faith and obedience.