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# Power- Genesis 32:24-32

- Power means many different things
- We measure power in several ways
- Power appears in the NT over 150 times!
- NT/ Biblical power is not physical, but can be manifested in the physical
  - Its not natural
  - It can't be taken or claimed

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- God has prepared big things for us to do in His Kingdom and for His glory
- These are by definition spiritual things and therefore require his power to accomplish
- God's power is His gift to give and I can only know it when I am emptied of myself.



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# Power- Genesis 23:24-32

[24] “Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. [25] When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him. [26] Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me.“ [27] So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob.“ [28] He said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed.“ [29] Then Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed him there. [30] So Jacob named the place Peniel, for *he said*, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been preserved.“ [31] Now the sun rose upon him just as he crossed over Penuel, and he was limping on his thigh. [32] Therefore, to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the hip which is on the socket of the thigh, because he touched the socket of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.



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- Jacob is alone
  - God reduces Jacob to himself
  - Can't be distracted or diverted
  - Are you alone? What you looking for?
  - Power won't come if you quit



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## Jacob wrestles

- Jacob is a wrestler; he seeks to control and manipulate, to gain power.
- His name means “cheater” and “to trip up”
- He’s wrestled with everyone in his life
- So God comes to him to wrestle with him, to reduce him
- Jacob doesn’t have much in this world
  - God wants to give him character, spiritual influence and power
- Who am I wrestling with and why?



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[25] “When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him.”

## Jacob was handicapped

- God doesn't reduce us just to empty us
- He does it on purpose
  - To remind us of our struggles and our former selves
  - To make us weak and exposed
- Has God made you weak and exposed? How are you responding?



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- Jacob had wrestled with God
  - WRESTLED with God!



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God blesses him and changes his name to Israel=

- He struggles with God; he conquers God; power with God and man.

Why did Jacob receive this blessing and power?


- To talk to his brother!
- It seems small and silly, but it was monumentally difficult

Who/ what do you need power from god to accomplish?

- Will you wrestle with God until he gives it to you?



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Details about power:


1. Its not power against God.

Not a fight for salvation.

Jacob's struggle against God were futile and so are yours!



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Genesis 32:9-12

[9] Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your relatives, and I will prosper you,'

[10] I am unworthy of all the loving kindness and of all the faithfulness which You have shown to Your servant; for with my staff *only* I crossed this Jordan, and now I have

become two companies. [11] "Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, that he will come and attack me *and* the mothers with the children. [12] "For You said, 'I will surely prosper you and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which is too great to be numbered.'"

2. God's power is based on his promises.

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# SANCTUARY WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- MONDAY, Oct. 11th,  
at the Greatwood Rec  
Center
- 7-9 PM
- Becoming a Woman  
of Excellence, explore  
what it means to be a  
woman after God's  
heart
- Sign up today to make  
a beautiful fall flower  
arrangement & enjoy  
dessert, coffee, and  
fellowship on **October  
4th @ 7pm** at the  
home of Dede  
Harrington. Get your  
\$5 ticket at the women's  
ministry  
table. Details in the  
bulletin...



# Baptism Sunday

## Baptism Meeting- Today after worship

If you are interested in being baptized on **OCT. 17**, you need to meet with our pastors and elders today. Immediately following the worship gathering, go to the Resource Center. We'll discuss baptism's importance and meaning and make plans for NEXT Sunday. If you want to be baptized, you must be at the meeting and sign up by **OCT. 13** at [info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com](mailto:info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com)





Houston  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

October 23rd

We're at it again and we need your help!  
These families are counting on us to help build their homes! Please sign up and come out to serve from noon-4:30 on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have to fill 30 volunteer slots and need you and your families to help.

# MOTHER'S OF PRESCHOOLERS

When & Where: Tuesday, Oct. 19th

9-11AM @ the Greatwood Chick-fil-A



For: Bible study, fellowship, and encouragement.

Bring your children! Childcare will be  
provided.

RSVP today at [info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com](mailto:info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com)

See bulletin for contact information.



# CHURCH WIDE PICNIC

Get ready for our church wide picnic and put the date on your calendars.

- ✘ October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m
- ✘ Bonbrook Plantation Clubhouse

