

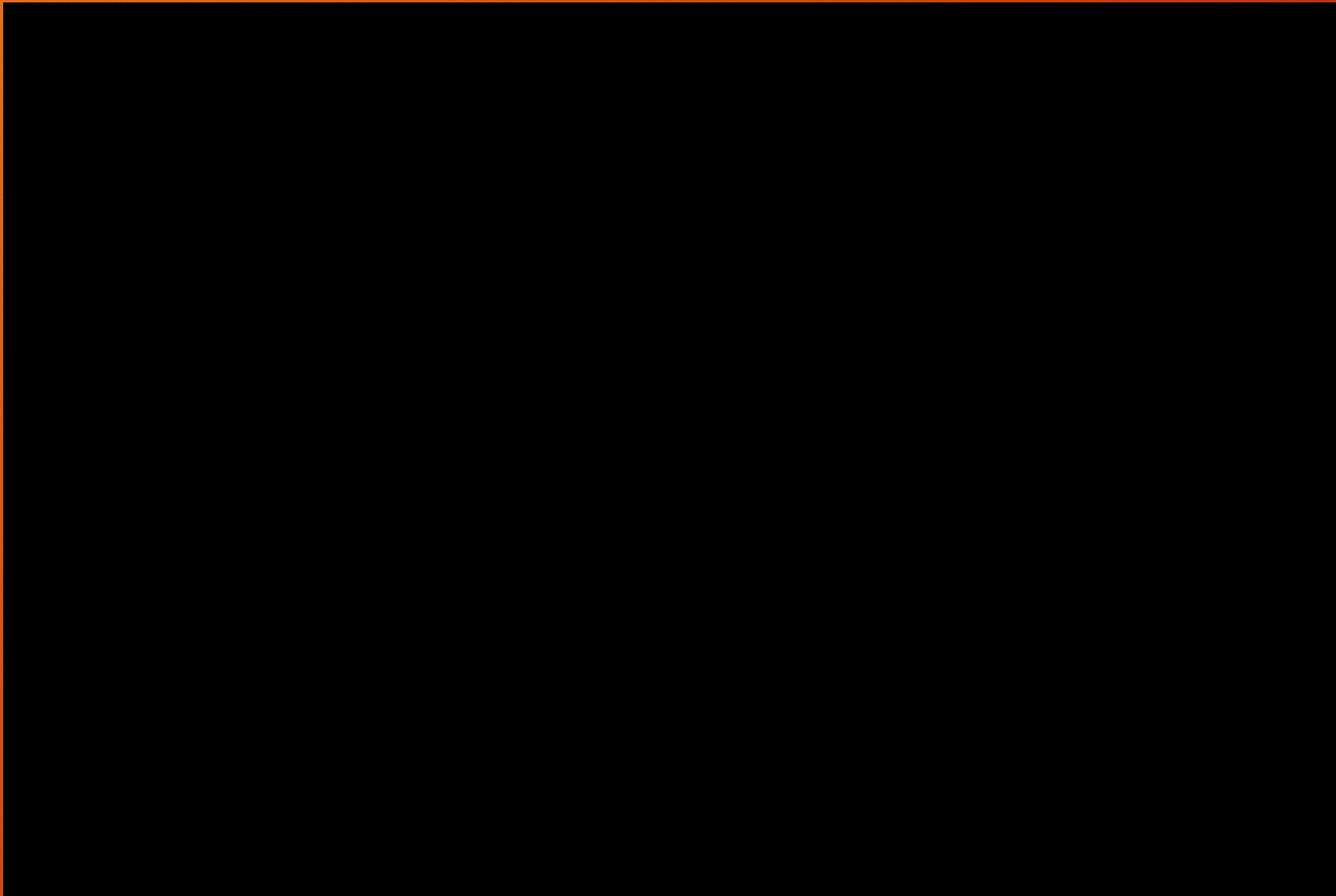
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Sunday, November 16, 2025

Rev. Steve Vaughn



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Blessings are for those who give  
without counting and receive without  
forgetting.

-Pastor Kahuna

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Blessed are those whose strength is in  
you, whose hearts are set on the journey.

Psalms 84:5





Gen 32:22-32 NIV

**THE POINT IS, LIFE WAS A  
CONSTANT STRUGGLE  
FOR JACOB.**



Jacob's struggles had  
made him bitter,  
and his bitterness  
made him struggle.





**JACOB'S NEW CHANGE CAME  
TO HIM AS A RESULT OF A  
SPRITUAL STRUGGLE.**

**All Struggles create  
stimulation in our growth or  
stagnate our situation.**



Spiritual growth can take you in a good direction, but often that good direction requires a struggle.

**AND EVEN MORE DIFFICULT  
IS THE GROWTH CREATED  
BY CHANGES IN OUR LIFE  
SITUATIONS.**





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."  
(Gen 32:28)





# HUMAN STRUGGLE DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY AND INEVITABLY LEAD TO GROWTH.

We don't have any choice about whether or not our lives will be touched with difficulty. Our choice is about what we will do with the difficulty when it comes.



**ALL STRUGGLES LEAVE  
SCARS.**

**But it's up to you whether or  
not it stays infected or heals.**





For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.  
Php 1:29-30 NIV

Jacob was left with a hitch in his  
git up (hip) but he left a with a  
new purpose, a new direction  
and a new name!



One reason struggles often lead to blessings, is that in struggle we recognize our limitations and our weaknesses, so, we reach out for resources beyond ourselves.

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Video Link: [Thanksgiving Chair](#)

