

Unless You Bless Me

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Ex 33:20
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- The man wrestles Jacob so Jacob can see for himself that his strength is not enough...
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Ex 34:6; Num 14:18; Psa 86:15; Rm 2:4; 9:22, etc.
- We must rely on God's Grace and not rely on our own struggles 2 Cor 12:9
- IV. The Names tell it all 28
Jacob: supplanter, deceiver, heel grasper (confession of who he is)
Israel: God prevails(strives) or God commands
- Jacob wasn't told the name... We have been given the name: Jesus Christ
- name above every name (Eph 1:21; Phil 2:9)
 - only name under heaven by which we must be saved (Act 4:12)
 - the name with tremendous power (Jn 14:13)
 - because he will save his people from their sins (Mt 1:21)
- Examine Yourself:
- How does the expression, "God blesses us as we cling to Him in our brokenness" strike you? What does that look like in your life?
 - Carefully review this narrative. List out the ways you are like Jacob: supplanter, deceiver, etc... Are you committed to living in your Peniel (what does that look like going forward)?

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