

**28** Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>(ESV)</sup>

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# The Law of the Lord is perfect, Reviving the soul... ~Psalm 19:7

## Reflections on the Sermon

#1. When was a time you were very aware you were in the presence of God?

#2. **Read John 1:43-51.** How can you tell that Jesus is referring to Jacob in his conversation with Nathanael? What can we learn from Jesus applying this story to himself?

## Reading from the Law

Have you been reading through the Genesis booklet?!

Here's an example of what a day in the book is like for Monday

### **GENESIS 27-28**

Welcome to the story of Jacob! Jacob's name means, "heel grabber." He got this name because when he was born he was holding on to the heel of his older twin Esau as we read in Genesis 25:26. In Genesis 27, Jacob lives up to his name by deceiving his father Isaac and receiving the blessing that should have been for his older brother Esau. In Genesis 28, Jacob is on his way to find a wife when he has a dream about God. Jacob name's the place Bethel that means, "house of God." He says in verse 16, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it." Are you aware that God is there? **Read Psalm 139** and spend some time meditating on the fact that you are in the presence of God right now!

As we begin our 3rd week of reading through the Law, how are you doing? Are you just reading through the chapters and checking them off of the list? Or are you really spending time in the presence of God and responding to him in prayer? Read **Matthew 6:5-15.** Spend some time praying in the secret place according to how Jesus teaches us. How can this become the habit of how you are reading the Law and responding in prayer every day?

### **Tuesday ~ Genesis 29-30**

**Read John 13.** What is something you are happy to do because you love someone?

### **Wednesday ~ Genesis 31-32**

**Read Hosea 12:2-6.** What can you learn from this prophetic commentary on Jacob wrestling with the angel of the Lord?

### **Thursday ~ Genesis 33-34**

**Read Genesis 32:9-12** again. How does God answer this prayer in Genesis 33? What is a prayer of yours God has answered you can praise him for?

WARNING: Genesis 34 is a graphic description of sin.

### **Friday ~ Genesis 35-36**

**Read Psalm 24:3-6.** Can you say you are seeking God with all you heart? Is there an idol or a lie you need to turn from?