messageNOTES

Wrestling with God

Genesis 32:24-32
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Wrestling with God (not against Him) is a demonstration of my faith in Him. Loving God…Obeying God…Reverence for God are also demonstrations of faith….but so is my willingness to wrestle with God!

1 Wrestling with God Magnifies my need and God's power

2 Wrestling with God is a pathway to the blessing of God

3 Wrestling with God Produces a constant reminder of God's presence

(The limp from God is a constant reminder of the reality of His presence, His power and His grace

One Thing:

Wrestling with God is a demonstration of my (our) faith in Him.

taking it home

{ notes for small group and personal study
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developing family gratitude

Here are a few suggestions for expressing your gratitude this Thanksgiving. Don't let football and turkey and yams keep you from honoring the One and the ones who have blessed you.

For those of you who like to listen, watch & discuss things:

Go to http://skitguys.com/videos/item/cards-youve-been-dealt click and listen together. Go ahead, respond to the truths and ***give thanks.***

For those of us desiring to establish a family tradition:

Purchase a nice clothbound journal to pass around on Thanksgiving Day so everyone present can ***give thanks*** with pen & ink. Before the end of your gathering, have each person read aloud what they have written. (If you have this tradition already, locate the journal and get ready to add to it!)

For those storytellers among us:

Tell the story of a time in your life when you wrestled with God and how you received your limp (Genesis 32:24-32). ***Give thanks.***

For those of us who simply desire the Scriptures:

Psalm 42 powerfully describes a time of deep struggle. When you arrive at verse 6 change the names of the places mentioned with the places you remember as you have journeyed with God. Share the lessons you learned in those places and ***give thanks*** for them.

my next step this week is to:

- ○ I will wrestle on the floor with my young children this week.
- ○ On Thursday, I will complete one *Family Gratitude* suggestion
- ○ I will identify my limp, and thank God for it.
- ○ Other _____