

Sermon Outline Wrestling with God (Genesis 32:22-30)

Introduction: *Wrestling with my children & letting them win...*

- I. GOD ‘WRESTLES’ WITH US TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH MUSCLES
 - A. Fervent, continual prayer is our ‘wrestling’ with God
 - B. Today on *All Saints Day* we remember Jacob, a saint who wrestled with God

- II. JACOB THE TAINTED SAINT WAS ON HIS WAY HOME TO MEND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS
 - A. He had tricked his father & cheated his brother
 - B. Alone, he wrestled all night with a stranger
 - C. He learned in the morning that he had been ‘wrestling’ with God (Gen.32:30)

- III. AS HE WRESTLED WITH JACOB, GOD WILL WRESTLE WITH US, O SAINTS OF GOD
 - A. He will allow us to ‘wrestle’ with Him in prayer & thereby strengthen our faith
 - B. Our Lord Jesus ‘wrestled’ the powers of sin, death, & devil on the cross & won!
 - C. *Martin Luther* gives us wonderful hope in his *Genesis Commentary* about Jacob

Conclusion: *My children wrestled with me... we wrestle with our Heavenly Father & win!*