

Wrestling with God

GENESIS 32:22-30

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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 (Genesis 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!*