

## **"Reconciliation or War – Your Choice"**      Genesis 32

**I.** With conflicts going on around you, is it about you \_\_\_\_\_? OR is it about your \_\_\_\_\_? OR how you were \_\_\_\_\_? OR what you \_\_\_\_\_? OR how this made \_\_\_\_\_? OR about what you \_\_\_\_\_? OR is it about HOW you can \_\_\_\_\_ to your family? (Don't let your \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ keep you from reconciliation in your family or work.)

**II.** Your Pastor is not asking you to \_\_\_\_\_ your values, or admit to what you \_\_\_\_\_ do, or to acquiesce to \_\_\_\_\_. But to \_\_\_\_\_ at some of the principles found in this passage, and let the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_. It is the responsibility of the \_\_\_\_\_ Servant of GOD to attempt to build the bridge of reconciliation with warring parties. Mt. 5:9 (it's never \_\_\_\_\_, but it very, very, very \_\_\_\_\_ and important to do)

**1.** Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_. **V.1** GOD knew that Jacob had just \_\_\_\_\_ a difficult situation with Laban, and was \_\_\_\_\_ into a far more threatening situation with Esau. Therefore GOD allowed him to see his angelic \_\_\_\_\_ to encourage him. "*Mahanim*" means \_\_\_\_\_ (inferring that Jacob's family camped there, and so \_\_\_\_\_.)

**2.** Jacob's dangerous \_\_\_\_\_. **Genesis 27, 27:41**

A. Jacob's duplicity, selfishness, and lack of \_\_\_\_\_ got him into this mess. A person that cheats their own family is really \_\_\_\_\_.  
B. These kind of dysfunctional family ruptures do not \_\_\_\_\_ with time. (It has been \_\_\_\_\_) They always fester and get more deadly.

**3.** Jacob's First Attempt was a \_\_\_\_\_. **V.2-6** (\_\_\_\_\_ incensed men were on their way) If this turns to war, will Jacob \_\_\_\_\_?

**4.** Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_ and Prayer. **V.9-12** Phil. 4:6-7

A. "Lord, You \_\_\_\_\_ to return to my country and family."  
B. "I am unworthy of Your Faithfulness, because You have indeed, \_\_\_\_\_ me, like You said."  
C. "Please \_\_\_\_\_ me and my family from my brother, because you promised to make my descendants like \_\_\_\_\_ of the sea."

**5.** Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_. **V.7-8, 13-23**

- A. He \_\_\_\_\_ his family and possessions into two groups. V.7-8
- B. He arranged for three waves of \_\_\_\_\_ to be sent ahead to Esau. Romans 12:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_ statements of appeasement were to be spoken to Esau, by the servant \_\_\_\_\_ of each company.
- C. Under the cover of \_\_\_\_\_, Jacob led his wives, his \_\_\_\_\_ children, his remaining servants, and the rest of his possessions across the \_\_\_\_\_ River to protect them.

## 6. Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_ with the Superbeing. **V.24-26**

- A. None of us will get away from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Creator.  
Hebrew 12:5-11 (if you do ... that is a really \_\_\_\_\_)
- B. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ today? Over what? What's \_\_\_\_\_ in your life right now? John 15:2 THE ISSUE usually is: \_\_\_\_\_ (Not)
- C. All of GOD's Servants must \_\_\_\_\_ wrestle with HIM.
  - 1. David stated, "A broken and contrite (\_\_\_\_\_) heart, You will not despise." Psalm 51:1
  - 2. Paul was knocked on his back by the Holy Presence, and was asked "Why are you kicking against the \_\_\_\_\_?" (MY attempts to get you, \_\_\_\_\_.) Acts 26:14
  - 3. Queen Esther of Persia was confronted by her uncle, Mordecai, and told that if she did not obey GOD and \_\_\_\_\_, "deliverance for the Jews would come from another place, but she and her father's house \_\_\_\_\_." Esther 4:14

## 7. Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_. **V.27-30** (are you feeling pressure?)

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ comes before Blessing. GOD will deal with you, even severely, before HE can use you ... at every \_\_\_\_\_ of your service to HIM. Rom. 12:1-2 (Heart change, then Name change)
- B. Don't short-change your future, because you won't \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Stay in the Ring, until you \_\_\_\_\_, every time with HIM.

## 8. Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_. **V.31-32** "*Peniel*"

- A. Jacob had seen the \_\_\_\_\_. (my greatest need)
- B. Jacob crossed the Jabbok river the next day and walked with \_\_\_\_\_, possibly for the rest of his life. It's been said, "never trust a man \_\_\_\_\_ a limp," – meaning people that have allowed GOD to strip them of \_\_\_\_\_, are valuable.
- C. Jacob's family \_\_\_\_\_ this life-changing, family-changing night ... by never \_\_\_\_\_ again this part of an animal's hindquarters for generations.