



**“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY:
DOING WHO I AM”**

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: GENESIS 32:22-32

TITLE: HAS GOD CHANGED YOUR NAME?

INTRODUCTION

- A. Fighting is fighting _____
- B. There is a difference between fighting against and fighting with _____
- C. African and Biblical ancestors’ view of names _____
- D. Why would God change your name? _____
- E. When God changes your name, it does not diminish nor negate your original name. Rather, it augments your original name _____
- F. It may not be a literal name. Rather, a spiritual sense that God is doing something different in you and with you that sets your life on a different course _____

JACOB

- A. The name, Jacob, means Supplanter, Trickster _____
- B. Supplanter _____
 - 1. To usurp the place of, especially through intrigue or underhanded tactics
 - 2. One who struggled/wrestled to get what belonged to someone else
- C. Jacob was independent and self-sufficient, struggling to gain whatever he wanted by any means necessary _____
- D. **Genesis 25:24-26** – Jacob was born into this world wrestling – holding onto Esau’s heel _____
- E. **Genesis 25:29-34** – Jacob manipulates Esau out of his birthright _____
- F. **Genesis 27:1-40** – Jacob stole Esau’s blessing _____
- G. **Genesis 27:1-40** – Jacob deceived and dishonored his father, Isaac _____
- H. **Genesis 27:36**, *Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!*
- I. Lest we be too hard on Jacob... are you wrestling against God and humans? _____

ISRAEL

- A. The name, Israel, means One who struggled with God, and humans, and prevailed _____
- B. Jacob wrestled with a heavenly being _____
 - 1. Jacob had developed his own plan and procedure for meeting his brother, Esau
 - 2. They wrestled all night until dawn
 - 3. The heavenly being dislocated Jacob’s hip
 - 4. Jacob continued wrestling until he received what he wanted (his own blessing)
 - 5. Jacob’s name was changed to Israel
 - 6. Jacob was also changed physically and spiritually
- C. Jacob is transformed from one who wrestled against God and humans (Jacob) to one who wrestled with God on behalf of humans (Isaac) _____
- D. Are you wrestling with God for the benefit of humanity? _____