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## **Wrestling with God**

Hebrews 11:21; Genesis 32:1-12



1. Many of us think self-sufficiency is a virtue, but in reality, it's most often a vice. Read Genesis 32 and note all that Jacob was personally trying to do to pacify his angry brother:
  
2. Meditate upon Jacob's beautiful prayer of desperation in Genesis 32:9-12 and identify ways that Jacob did each of the following:
  - Pleaded the purposes of God -
  - Pleaded the providences of God -
  - Pleaded the protection of God -
  - Pleaded the promises of God -
  
3. Did you know that God loves broken things? Men/women throw broken things away, BUT God never really uses anything until He breaks it first! Interact personally with the following Scriptures:
  - Psalm 51:17
  - II Corinthians 12:1-10
  - Acts 9:1-9
  - I Peter 5:10
  - (Many others - can you add to the list?)

Connection Card Next Steps - Memorize Hebrews 11:21

**\*Realizing** the Lord's blessing follows submission to God, I want to tap out now and save myself a continual wrestling match with God.

**\*I accept** the truth that when God allows me to be broken (or breaks me), His ultimate goal is to bless me, so I offer Him my brokenness this morning.