

## ***DO YOU WANT TO BE BLESSED?***

### **NEVER LET GO**

Genesis 32:24-32      Jeff Schreve

*Before Jacob was born, he struggles with his brother; when he came a man, he even fought with God. Yes, he wrestled with the angel and won. He wept and pleaded for a blessing from Him. Hosea 12:3-4 NLT*

### **Do you really and truly want to be blessed?**

#### **1. If you are serious, God will meet you.**

##### **A. He will work to get you needy.**

*Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, **and have need of nothing**," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. Revelation 3:17*

##### **B. He will work to get you ready.**

*Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. Genesis 32:24*

#### **2. If you are serious, God will break you.**

*And when he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him. Genesis 32:25*

##### **A. God cannot really bless you until you are broken.**

##### **B. God cannot really use you until you are broken.**

*And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 2 Corinthians 12:9*

#### **3. If you are serious, God will teach you to depend on Him.**

A. You must get brutally honest.

*So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."  
Genesis 32:27*

B. You must get boldly tenacious.

*"I will not let you go unless you bless me." Genesis 32:26*

*I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything  
because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he  
will get up and give him as much as he needs. Luke 11:8*

C. You will get abundantly blessed and changed.

*And he said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for  
you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed."  
Then Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But  
he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed  
him there. Genesis 32:28-29*

*By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of  
Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.  
Hebrews 11:21*

**How serious are you about Him?**