

# GOD NEVER GIVES UP

## Struggling | Genesis 32:22-32

1. Discuss together a brief summary of Jacob's life so far. Do you think running and wrestling describe him well and, if so why?
2. Read the passage for this week and share anything that stands out to you, any questions, thoughts or comment.
3. V 24. As Jacob prepares to meet Esau again, what do you think is going through his mind as he sits alone? How easy do you find being alone with God? Share any helpful ways you have found to practice solitude?
4. V24-29. Who do you think Jacob is wrestling with? What does his wrestle teach us about prayer? What can we learn from Jacob's perseverance and determination?
5. Why do you think many of us struggle with prayer? Share stories of, and strategies for, persevering in prayer. Share areas where God is calling you to cling on in prayer, maybe stop and pray now.
6. V28-32. What difference/impact did Jacob's realisation he had met with God have on him? Discuss the meaning of his new name and his limp following his wrestle with God. What new name(s) have we been given by God as Christians? What might it mean for us to walk with a limp?
7. Have a look at Paul's 'limp' in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, how does this help us to understand God's purpose in weakness. (Digging a bit deeper, read 1 Corinthians 2:18-31.)
8. Do you think everyone has a limp of some sort? How can we grow in transparency and honesty about our struggles and weakness with one another. Close by spending time sharing and praying about this together.



What did you discover about God in this passage?  
What did you discover about people in this passage?  
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?  
With whom will you share what you have learned?

