



My God Lets Me Limp

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Defining moment: A situation, event, or decision that changes my life

GOD GIVES ME DEFINING MOMENTS.

Genesis 32

DEFINING MOMENTS REVEAL ME.

After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone. Genesis 32:22-24

GOD WANTS TO BE PART OF MY DEFINING MOMENTS.

...and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. Genesis 32:24

God will not override my self-will.

When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel." Genesis 32:24-28

"I begged the Lord to make this suffering go away. But he replied, "My gift of grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak." 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

GOD CLIMBS INTO MY VALLEYS

For your LifeGroup and personal growth...

What is a 'defining moment'?

Read Genesis 32. What do you imagine was going through Jacob's mind when he was alone in the ravine?

What is the significance of Jacob wrestling with God? Why did it need to happen? Why did God give Jacob a lasting disability? What good could possibly come from that?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. What's going on here? What does it mean to "boast about weaknesses?"

Ask each person to share a defining moment in their life. What did you learn from it? How are you different because of it?

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