



**Prayer List**



**Challenge for the week:**

From Genesis 32 my challenge for this week is:



**More Resources for personal and group use:**

Websites:

<https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-59-broken-blessed-genesis-3222-32>

Mark's Article:

[https://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted\\_hildebrandt/otesources/02-exodus/text/articles/wessner-ex33face-rq.pdf](https://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted_hildebrandt/otesources/02-exodus/text/articles/wessner-ex33face-rq.pdf)



**A little about Westwood Church...**

We believe that God changes lives!



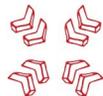
That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



**GATHER**

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



**GROUPS**

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



**GO**

Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world

into  
**LIFE**  
Study guide



**Genesis 32:1-32**

**For Individuals and Life Groups**

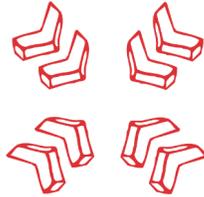
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### **Introduction:**

In this series we will be looking at five Old Testament passages where God reveals himself in a unique way to his chosen people. These “face to face” encounters have four elements: divine initiation, profound intimacy, intentional solitude and supernatural verification. Not only will we explore the encounters in their original contexts, we will also discover what it might mean to have a face to face encounter with God today.

Prior to Jacob meeting God he is on his way to the land of his birth. Along with him are his family and all his possessions. He discovers his brother Esau is on his way to meet him and fears for his life, family and possessions.

Holding on to God’s promise to “make his descendants like the sands of the sea” he sends a gift to his brother and takes up the last place in the line of his family and possessions. It is here in this place of solitude that he meets God.



## **Into the scriptures**

Read: Genesis 32:22-32

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What does this passage reveal about the man?

What does this passage reveal about Jacob?



## **Into my life**

In chapter 32:1-21 David’s possessions and family are mentioned multiple times. In 32:22-32 there is only Jacob. An implication of this is his “things” were preventing him from meeting God. What is preventing you from having an encounter with God? (Pray for each other in this)

How could you restructure your life to allow for God to meet with you?

If I look at my spirituality through the lens of Jacob’s “face to face” encounter, what do I see?



## **Into the world**

When we encounter God, people notice (Jacob's Limp). Pray for an encounter with God that interrupts your life so much that people notice.